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FINGER-TIP SEARCH: Police search scrubland near the Harbour Fish Bar for the weapon used during Tuesday's fight

BY **NICK AMES**

FOLKESTONE residents have spoken at their shock at the fatal stabbing of an Afghan man in the street on Tuesday night.

People have described the area of town where the killing happened as "a no go area after dark".

Four people received stab wounds in the fight, one died, one is critically injured and the others are stable.

Chief Superintendent Chris Hogben said: "One group of young Afghan males aged 15 to 18 were at a party when another group of Afghans turned up. There was an initial confrontation in the building which then spilled out into the street.

"Around 30 people were involved in the fight. One of the problems we have is that so few of those we want to talk to speak English and we have not got a great number of interpreters.

"Among the people involved, three Afghan dialects are spoken."

Residents say the area around the former harbour has become a hotbed of problems between rival gangs and is notorious for drug taking.

The flats behind the Grand Burstin Hotel, which overlooks the harbour, are used to house asylum seekers and foreign nationals. Many of the windows are boarded up.

Tina Alder, who lives in one of the flats overlooking the scene of the fight, saw the aftermath of the brawl.

She said: "I didn't actually see a fight, I just saw a couple of lads lying in the road. I

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GOOD VIEW: The normally elusive bittern is now much easier to spot at the RSPB's Dungeness nature reserve thanks to the cold weather

Twitchers are not being bittern about winter chill

THE cold winter of prolonged snow and frosts has resulted in record numbers of bird species being spotted at Dungeness – with an influx of waterfowl and wetland birds in particular.

At the RSPB reserve numbers of Bewick's swan increased throughout December, reaching a peak of 146.

The swans mostly feed out on nearby Walland Marsh during the day and return to the reserve after dark to roost on the pits.

Bewick's swans, wigeon, shoveler and white-fronted geese were all recorded in nationally important numbers in December.

Bitterns have also been seen in record numbers, with 11 birds counted on a single day. This is double last winter's total when five were recorded.

The weather conditions have allowed some unusually good views. With water frozen on the small pools and reedbeds, feeding opportunities were reduced and the birds were forced to congregate around the edge of the still open Burrowes pit.

Having got used to feeding in these new areas the bitterns have remained despite the improving weather conditions.

Bob Gomes, site manager, said: "Coupled with the nesting that occurred in the summer, this clearly demonstrates the potential of Dungeness as a future British hotspot for this endangered species.

"It is normal for our resident population to increase due to the influx of birds escaping the generally harsher winters of continental northern Europe, but such high numbers are unprecedented."

The harsh winter weather across northern Europe is the likely cause of such an influx. Until 2002 only one or two birds were seen each winter but after this numbers increased to three or more. The previous maximum count was eight in January 2009, when extremely icy conditions forced birds out into the open to feed.

The RSPB's Dungeness reserve is proving the perfect destination and the birds have gone from strength to strength after work was carried out to improve their reedbed habitat.

Bittern safaris and wildfowl walks are being run to give even more people a chance of seeing this usually elusive bird along with some of the other winter migrants.

Prison for woman who tried to smuggle drugs in a chessboard

A 38-YEAR-old Hungarian woman living in north-west London has been sentenced to five years in prison after being found guilty of attempting to import opium into the UK hidden inside a chessboard.

The drugs, weighing one and a half kilos, had an estimated street value of between £15,000 and £30,000.

Canterbury Crown Court heard that Istvanne Barath was stopped by UK Border Agency officers at the UK tourist controls at the Channel Tunnel entrance in Coquelles, France on May 2, 2010, after arriving on a coach from Budapest.

Barath told officers she was travelling back to the UK, where she works as a cleaner in London hotels, after a holiday in Hungary.

In her baggage a chessboard was found which, when x-rayed, revealed a package hidden inside. Officers cut open the chessboard and inside found the quantity of opium.

Malcolm Bragg, assistant director of criminal and financial investigations for the UK Border Agency, said: "The UK Border Agency is at the forefront in the fight to prevent illegal drugs entering the UK and in protecting our communities from the violence and corruption that accompanies this hideous trade.

"Anyone with information about activity they suspect may be linked to drugs smuggling should call the Customs Hotline on 0800 59 5000."

A jury found Barath guilty after trial at Canterbury Crown Court on Friday, January 14, and she was sentenced the same day.

UK Border Agency officers use hi-tech search equipment to combat immigration crime and detect banned and restricted goods that smugglers attempt to bring into the country.

They also use an array of search techniques including detection dogs, carbon dioxide detectors, heartbeat monitors and scanners as well as visual searches to find well-hidden stowaways, illegal drugs, firearms and cigarettes which would otherwise end up causing harm to local people, businesses and communities.

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Information about how social services, charities and local voluntary organisations can help you will also be available.

On 27 January 2011, starting at 11am and finishing at 1pm, the Showcase will be held at:

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The Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Health NHS Trust Board Meeting in Public will also take place at The Ark on the same day starting at 1:30pm and closing at 4:30pm. Refreshments are provided between the Showcase and the Board Meeting.

Copies of the Board Papers are available on our website, please visit www.eckcommunityservices.nhs.uk.

For questions relating to the Board Meeting please contact Jill Mackenzie on 01233 667840 or email jill.mackenzie@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk.

Petition urges Government to include Dungeness plant

BY **NICK AMES**

A PETITION with several hundred signatures calling for the Government to consider Dungeness as a site for a new nuclear power station was handed in to Number 10 Downing Street yesterday.

MP Damian Collins handed the document over to Prime Minister David Cameron three days after a meeting to discuss the issue was held.

The site had been ruled out in the latest round of Government proposals for future pwer generation in the UK.

Mr Collins has also met separately this week with Government conservation body Natural England, which wants to extend the Dungeness to Pett Level Special Protection Area to 4,048.63 hectares, an increase of 2,580.06 hectares or more than 175 percent.

The proposed site of a new reactor covers 52 hectares, with only about half currently protected.

Mr Collins said the proposed significant enlargement could be considered enough compensation for the loss of a small area required for a new station.

He said: "Natural England wants to extend the area by 175 per cent but also plans to remove ten hectares from the designation.

"The relatively small amount of space needed for a new nuclear station seems to me to be a fair deal.

"A new power station would help secure future prosperity and employment on the Marsh for another generation and there is no reason why we cannot balance the economic needs of the area with those of the environment.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE (l-r) Damian Collins MP and Shepway councillors Carole Waters and Russell Tillson present petition to 10 Downing Street, calling for the Government to include Dungeness on its shortlist of new nuclear sites.

"The infrastructure and grid connections are already in place so we are best positioned to start supplying new power as soon as 2017.

"I urge everyone who wants to convince the Government of the merits of including Dungeness to come along to the meeting on Saturday."

But opponents of the development – which has been already rejected once on environmental grounds – say it would be disastrous for the wide range of plants and wildlife which are dependent on the shingle on which the station would stand.

More than 500 full-time staff currently work at Dungeness B, which is due to be decommissioned by 2018.

Were Dungeness C to be approved, it would create about 2,000 jobs during construction and a further 350-450 over 60 years.

Parliament is expected to debate and vote on the national policy statement, which will produce the final list of sites, by the end of the spring.

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FEARS: (l-r) Chief Supt Chris Hogben moved to ally public concerns saying the brawl was a fallout between groups of youths, and forensics at the scene

Ex holiday hotspot ' has turned into Beirut'

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couldn't see what state they were in but my partner ran out with some towels to try and help them.

"It was then we heard the sirens of the police and ambulances and after that we kept ourselves to ourselves."

Other locals say it is not safe to walk the streets after 9pm and in recent months problems in the area have got worse.

One local said: "This used to be a holiday town but in the last few years it's turned into Beirut. This could be such a nice place, with all these old buildings, but it's been left to go to ruin."

Former police officer Malcolm Montgomery said the area had a long history of trouble.

"There's a lot of problems around here, I wouldn't feel happy walking around here at night," he said.

"As a former policeman nothing really shocks me anymore, but I have to say this is not a real surprise. This area has an awful reputation."

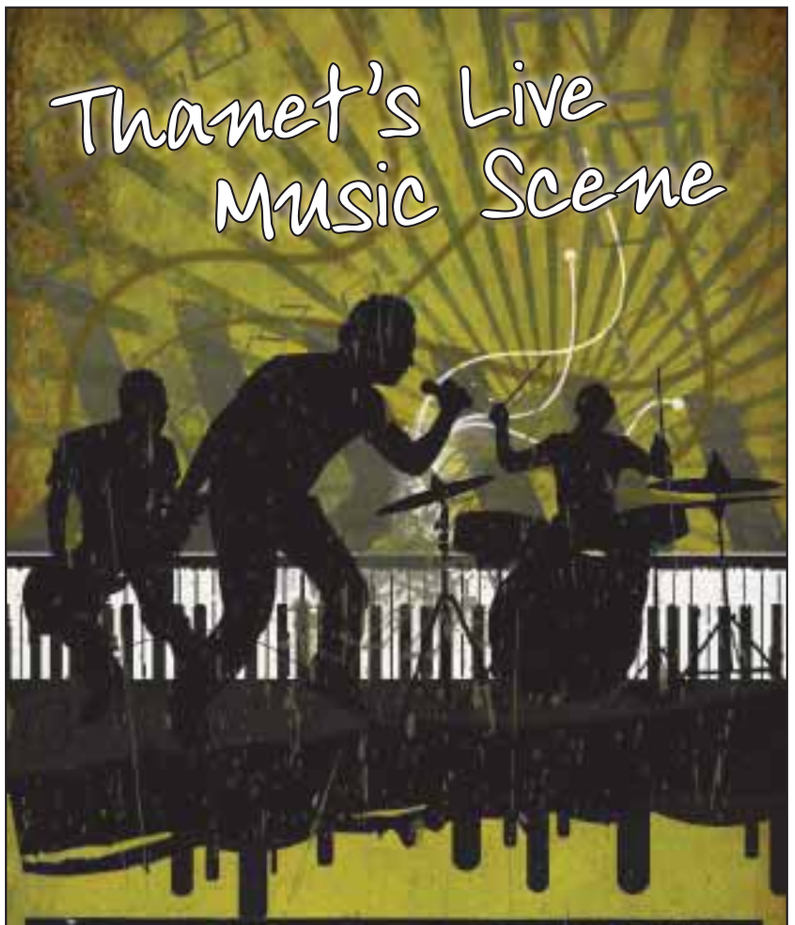
Police officers have been conducting an intense search of an area of scrub land close to the Harbour Fish and Chip Bar. Officers have used hoes and rakes to partially clear the area of waste ground in a search for weapons.

In a separate incident a holiday-maker at the Grand Burstin Hotel, which is less than 30 yards from the murder scene, pointed out a pair of scissors which had been left in the hotel car park. Forensics are examining the discovery.

Ch Supt Hogben emphasised that this was not a random stabbing, but a fall out between groups of youths so the public should not be alarmed at a threat to their safety.

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College gym helps Ann tackle charity trip to Incan capital

FOLKESTONE mum Ann McGovern has raised £5,000 for the children's charity Miles of Smiles after trekking to the Incan city of Machu Pichu in Peru.

She had earlier been talking to a friend about sponsorships for good causes and the trip was arranged by both of them.

And K College was vital to Mrs McGovern's preparation, as she took advantage of its gym facilities.

She said: "I hadn't done a lot of training for the past 10 years so I came in to see the gym at the Folkestone campus. I came here four nights a week and lost nearly three stone. They made me fit enough to do the walk."

BY **NICK AMES**

Her 10-day trip to Machu Pichu involved two days of adjusting to the altitude before setting out for four days of trekking.

Mrs McGovern said: 'The second day was the hardest, climbing from 3,000 metres above sea level to 4,200 metres.

"Personally I believe if I hadn't lost weight and exercised, I couldn't have done it, it was very hard. One other person needed oxygen.

"On the last day, I got up at 5am and trekked for about an hour and a half to the Sun Gate which looks like a big, steep block of steps and it is absolutely amazing. I came away with such a sense of achievement."



ACHIEVEMENT: Ann McGovern reaches Macchu Pichu

Play area scheme set to go ahead

PLAY facilities in Romney Marsh are set for to improve as plans go ahead to redevelop Dymchurch Recreation Ground.

Shepway council had been working with the parish council and the Parish Plan Action Group to find out what local people wanted the facilities to include.

The final project looks set to provide toddler and adventure play areas, a multi-use games area and picnic area.

The Dymchurch Recreation Ground Working Group has secured £124,000 of external funding, including £65,000 from the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, £20,000 through the Children's Play Programme (Big Lottery) and £24,000 from Kent Playbuilder.

Dymchurch Parish Council has also contributed £10,000 towards play area improvements, and a further £5,000 has been secured through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Carole Waters, Cabinet Member for Sport and Culture said: "I'm delighted that we've received so much support, and hope people will continue to support this project."



A LIFE FULL OF DRAMA

The complicated personal life of comic actress Hattie Jacques was explored by a documentary, Hattie, on BBC4 last week.

Hattie Jacques, pictured above right, was born in Sandgate in 1922, the daughter of an RAF pilot and an amateur actress. During the war she worked as a nurse and a welder.

The Carry On star had troubled personal life, and biographer, Andy Merriman discovered that an American soldier had proposed to her. Hattie later claimed he had died in action, but he actually had a wife and family in the United States.

In 1949 she married actor John Le Mesurier, who found fame in Dad's Army as Sgt Arthur Wilson, and the couple, who for a time lived in Margate, had two children.

She started an affair with a younger man, John Schofield, and for a while all three lived together. Schofield later ran off with an Italian heiress while Jacques was filming in Rome.

In 1966 Jacques and Le Mesurier divorced, with Le Mesurier going along with the story of the split being his fault, to protect her career. They remained friends and Jacques even encouraged Le Mesurier to marry his third wife, Joan.

Fuel campaign calls for support

CAMPAIGN group FairFuelUK has renewed its call to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to abandon the fuel duty rise planned for April, as it says the surge in inflation means the duty rise will hit even harder.

They say George Osborne is committed to a 1p rise on top of the rate of inflation.

Campaigners say if inflation rises, the fuel price at the pumps could go up 5p per litre.

Shepway councillor Peter Carroll, of the FairFuelUK Campaign, which is supported by the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association said: "Fuel prices are already at record levels.

"Everyone is suffering. Businesses and millions of motorists are being squeezed and cannot take any more of these increases without jobs being lost, prices in the shops going up and more businesses going bust".

Geoff Dunning of the RHA said, "We estimatethe rise could be as much as 5p per litre because the Chancellor is committed to adding his 1p extra duty on top of inflation.

Theo de Pencier, of the Freight Transport Association, added: "The rise in fuel duty in April will be much worse than we thought."

The group is now calling for support across the UK. Lib Dem Cllr Carroll added: "It's vital that everyone who is concerned about fuel prices backs us at www.fairfueluk.com The Government will only listen if we have business and public support."



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Stowaways hidden in truck full of soup

A GROUP of would-be illegal immigrants were found by sniffer dogs before they could enter the country.

Nine foreign nationals were detected by the UK Border Agency (UKBA) dogs in lorries waiting to cross the Channel to Dover from Calais.

On the morning of Saturday, January 15, UKBA officers checking vehicles bound for Dover, examined a Portuguese registered freight vehicle with a Portuguese driver.

A specialist body detection dog alerted his handlers to the presence of some unexpected passengers in the back of the vehicle.

Officers then boarded the trailer and found two women and a man, all Eritrean, hiding among the load of soup.

Another group of soup stowaways were found by a UKBA dog at Calais on Tuesday, January 4.

Officers searched the Latvian vehicle and found six Eritreans, four male and two female, hiding among the load of dehydrated Knorr soup.

On both occasions, the stowaways were removed from the lorries before being handed over to French Frontier Police.

Both vehicles were allowed to continue their journey to the UK, but the drivers and haulage companies may now each be liable for a fine of up to £2,000 per stowaway if they are unable to prove they took steps to secure the vehicles.

Carole Upshall, UK Border Agency director for South and Europe, said: "Having UK Border Agency officers based in France and Belgium means we can check vehicles before they cross the channel and stop would-be illegal immigrants setting foot in the UK."

'Disappointing' increase in most serious crimes

BURGLARIES, robberies and sex and drug offences are on the rise in Kent, according to latest Home Office statistics.

The figures for the year October, 2009, to September, 2010, suggest police are struggling to get to grips with some of the most serious crimes affecting the county.

Burglaries increased by 2.3 per cent to 12,700, while robberies went up by six per cent to 936, sex offences up by 15.6 per cent to 1,520, and drug offences by 8.5 per cent to 4,310. The number of thefts also rose by 3.8 per cent to 27,900.

Determined

Deputy Chief Constable Alan Pughsley said: "We have seen a continual decrease in burglaries over a number of years in Kent, so this small increase is disappointing but we are determined to bring the figures back down.

"We will continue to relentlessly target those responsible for burglaries in Kent in the coming months. The increase in the number of drugs offences recorded actually highlights our commitment to detecting and dismantling not only organised crime groups involved in the cultivation, production and trafficking of drugs, but also individuals who peddle drugs in our communities."

Despite the upward trend in the most serious offences, overall crime in Kent has fallen by 3.9 per cent to a total of 108,000.

BY **STEVE KNIGHT**

This includes reductions in violent crime – including knife and gun offences – as well as in criminal damage and offences against vehicles.

Mr Pughsley said: "We have seen an overall reduction in crime over the past four years and these latest crime statistics are encouraging.

"But they also show us where there is room to continue our hard work and bring more criminals to justice. We will continue to tackle crime and disorder in Kent, keeping it one of the safest places in the UK."

Meanwhile, police have also revealed how one in three motorists stopped as part of a month-long Christmas drink-drive campaign either failed or refused a breath test.

Officers stopped 563 drivers between December 1 and New Year's Day, of which 171 were arrested. This compares with 1,397 stopped the year before, of which 195 were arrested.

Insp Paul Sellwood said: "It's clear to me that most motorists heeded our warnings not to drive in bad weather. However, the drink drivers chose to ignore this advice as a third of those routinely stopped by police were arrested.

"Drink-drivers are clearly the motorists taking the risks. Kent Police takes a zero-tolerance approach to those who flout the law, and will continue to target drink and drug drivers throughout the year."



BANG TO RIGHTS: Kent Police say they are determined to 'relentlessly target' burglars after crime increased





yourlocalinterview

QUESTION & ANSWER

SARAH MARMONT



Sara Marmont runs a slimming club in Faversham and Canterbury. She talked to **Jill Hurst** about the satisfaction she gets from helping people to lose weight and helping them learn to stay that way

Q Tell us a little bit about you.

A I'm a 30-year-old personal wellness coach and independent Herbalife distributor, working part-time around my full time job as a service technician. My Herbalife business is into its fourth year, helping people to lose weight, gain weight, maintain a healthy weight, helping people find more energy and vitality and of course sports nutrition.

Q What's the 12 week community weight loss challenge?

A I started Faversham Arriba Wellness Club in April 2009 to run the 12 week community weight loss challenges and extended to the Canterbury areas last year.

The community weight loss challenge is a health and nutrition course, at a cost of £39, where people can learn how to eat healthily and lose weight permanently. The biggest loser at the end of the challenge can win up to £300 based on a percentage of their original weight. Second prize is up to £200 and third prize up to £100, dependant on class size.

Q What's different about the challenge?

A Every participant has a personal one-to-one appointment with me so I can help them identify their weaknesses and put a plan together that they can commit to.

We do weekly weigh, measure and full body composition analysis. Each week we cover a different topic, such as why we need to drink water, the importance of fibre, personal protein requirements etc. Participants can learn to make healthy choices for themselves for long term results and of course for their families too. Plus we have lots of fun, weekly prizes and quizzes in a great community atmosphere while making great friends.

Q Why did you start the challenges?

A I decided to run the challenges to be able to help more people with health and nutrition. In the past I have concentrated primarily on helping clients use Herbalife programmes on a one-to-one basis, however, we noticed a gap in the market place as people wanted the support and expertise of a Herbalife distributor, without necessarily purchasing the Herbalife programmes.

By running the challenges as a non-profit making enterprise, I can afford to help and support everyone in a group environment no matter how they choose to lose weight. All I ask is that they learn from the nutritional education, this is my way of giving back to the community.

We are not a weigh and go club, we concentrate on nutritional education and recognise each little step of achievement. Every participant's weight and measurements are kept private, with no naming and shaming. We educate to make little changes for results that last, so the information can be taken home to make the whole family healthier.

Q Why do people get fat?

A Busy lifestyles make it too easy to go for fast food. We're not as active as we once were and combined with a lack of education, most of my clients believe they are eating healthily but too much can still be detrimental to your health. Simply put, we don't drink enough water or eat enough healthy sources of protein or fruit and vegetables.

Q So what's the secret to success?

A Making little changes, drinking more water and being more active can make all the difference to reaching and maintaining a healthy weight. Learning to read and understand food labels can help as many people focus on low in fat, but it's often high in sugar.

Q How can people get find out more?

A If anyone would like to know more about joining a challenge or becoming an Arriba leader then they can ccall Sara on 01795 532201 or see www.arriba-classleaders.co.uk or www.arribafaversham.co.uk.



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JACKIE young 49, dark hair, size 12, seeks male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357813**

LADY late 50's, tall, blonde, green eyes, seeks male with GSOH for days out, quality and fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357477**

FUN loving female, 47, kind, caring, honest, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357439**

LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995**

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BUBBLY outgoing nurse, (I love my uniform), fancy meeting up North London for some fun loving fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356983**

FUN loving student, 21yrs, seeks male of any age for fun in London, can travel and accommodate, I love a risk and having fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356981**

FOREIGN beauty, long, long hair, 20's yrs, seeks older male who can spoil someone like me. London area. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356967**

ADORABLE black female, 37, slim, affable, enjoys music, reading, theatre, laughter, nature, seeks genuine gent, 37-49 who is caring, N/S and lives near London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815**

ROCKEFELLER 38, medium build, fair, funny, bubbly, likes conversation, seeks male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353359**

SINGLE mum, 5ft, 38, seeks genuine guy for good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356585**

38YR old single mum, bubbly, curvy, seeks genuine guy for romance, good life and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334777**

CONFIDENT young female who knows what she wants out of life, looking for open minded, outgoing male for adult conversations/meets. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356153**

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HAPPY fun loving, attractive, intelligent, educated, slim, curvy female, late 40's, WLTM caring, sincere man interested in theatre, reading, arts, nature and walks for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613**

INDEPENDENT nurse, late forties, looks much younger, if you are looking for some fun and enjoyment call me now and I will tell you what I'm looking for. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355755**

CRYSTAL 5ft 6ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, olive skin, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383374**

PRETTY black lady, 39, 36G bust, 5ft 3ins, likes reading, cinema, meals out, nature, travel, theatre, seeks tall, slim, professional white male, 35-50 who is honest, genuine, loving, funny and spiritual. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355311**

LADY 44, GSOH, short, curvy, dark hair, seeks good guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355391**

TALL blue eyed blonde, curvy and fun, loves dancing, seeks tall well built guy to share happy times and see what the future brings. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354651**

WARM hearted female, curves in all the right places, new to area, seeks intelligent male to share interests, friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353419**

LOVELY lady, 48, beautiful curves, many interests, just wants to meet an honest decent guy and make him happy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353417**

60YR old female, seeks special N/S, non drinking gent, loving and caring for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353253**

BERYL 70 plus, 5ft 6ins, slim, fair hair, green eyes, seeks gent who likes travel, theatre, sports, meals out. Hampshire. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353165**



ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897**

CURVY blue eyed brunette, 23, fun loving and bubbly, likes wild nights out but would prefer cosy nights in with a special fun loving older male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355271**

PETITE curvy female, witty and fun, always on the go, many interests WLTM intelligent outgoing male for good times. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355269**

CLARE seeks N/S, genuine female 24-36 for friendship. Bognor Regis. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383382**

FEMALE seeks white/Asian mature gent, broadminded and sensual who can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355835**

FUN loving lady, adventurous with unusual interests. Seeks spontaneous male. Call me if you want to have some fun. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355777**

CURVY blue eyed brunette, attractive and fit. I'm a young looking and active 43yrs, varied interests. WLTM mature male with GSOH who knows how to treat a lady, 40 – 70yrs. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355775**

I'M 36yrs old, blue eyed, slim brunette seeking an older male, single dads welcome, pls call if that's what you are looking for, I promise to call you back. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355759**

TALL leggy lady, curvy, caring and genuine, solvent with own home. If you are a genuine male I would like to meet you, looks/age unimportant. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355757**

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ATTRACTIVE intelligent blonde, full of life, seeks tall, good looking, well built male for uncomplicated fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355275**

SHY curvy blonde, 21, likes R&B, clubbing, meals out/in, seeks dark, good looking, slim guy who knows how to press the right buttons. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355273**

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ATTRACTIVE fun, friendly blonde, seeks fun guy. Sutton. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502**

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BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910**

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RED haired rock chick, loves fast cars, seeking tall, dark, well groomed male for fun in the fast lane, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351393**

Men Seeking

RUGGED fit, 42yr old white male, seeks black lady, 30-42 for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383794**

STEVE 60, 6ft 2ins, grey hair, N/S, solvent, small business, varied interests, likes music, red wine, concerts, pubs, cooking, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383772**

FRIENDLY male, tall 59, grey hair, blue eyes, hardworking, likes boats, metal work, old cars, seeks tall female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383752**

MALE 50 plus, sexy, passionate, energetic, seeks lady wanting exciting friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357613**

DAVID 61, proud of it, fanciable, poetic, likes participation, disciplined, adventurous. Croydon. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357791**

PROFESSIONAL male, 63, assertive, many interests, seeks curvy, non assertive lady for special relationship that offers something different. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357723**

PAKISTAN male 50, 6ft, medium build, seeks Pakistani/Indian lady, 50-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357711**

KEITH 57, tall, likes bowling, paranormal, seeks kind, honest, loyal female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357651**

HANDSOME successful male, 5ft 9ins, tanned, educated, solvent, good lifestyle, seeks attractive lady for friendship, fun and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357391**

MICHAEL 6ft, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks female, 30-52. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356973**

GENUINE happy, honest male, 52, GSOH, likes nights out, seeks loving female for LTR. Bexhill. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383608**

HANG on to yourself! Stylish male, 5ft 8ins, likes music, film, art, seeks attractive, shapely female, 28-38 for enjoyable times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356889**

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YOUNG 40yr old dark haired male, well built, romantic, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357017**

GRAHAM 55, 5ft 11ins, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, N/S, friendly, reliable, genuine, GSOH, easygoing, honest, tactile, likes most things, seeks attractive, slim-medium, N/S female, 45-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383156**

MALE 52, seeks N/S, young at heart female for theatre, cinema and meals out. Eastbourne **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379722**

ROMANTIC white male, early 50's, 6ft, dark hair, medium build, many interests, seeks tall black lady. Hove. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354201**

AFFECTIONATE white male, 61, 5ft 7ins, medium build, N/S, varied interests, seeks caring, black/Oriental female with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347933**

TOYBOY attractive, seeks cuddly, attractive, older female, 50-65 for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357411**

GENUINE male, 50, OHAC, GSOH, seeks female 30-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357309**

CHRIS 49, GSOH, brown hair, seeks nice lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357219**

TAKE a chance on me. Warm, sincere, young at heart, N/S 64yr old widower, 5ft 9ins, medium build, seeks sophisticated lady for loving relationship. London area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357525**

AVERAGE looking white male, seeks black lady for conversation and company. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383714**

SILVER fox. Wealthy, attractive 44yr old male, seeks female to pamper for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357445**

MALE 53, good looking, Asian, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357127**

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks female similar, attractive, genuine,56 plus for LTR. East Grinstead. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383004**

TALL attractive white male, 48, considerate, easygoing, likes arts, theatre, Oriental culture, seeks female of any age with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356719**

ADRIAN 41, attractive, blond hair, blue eyes, likes socialising, nights out, cinema, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356497**

NICK 50's, 5ft 10ins, slim, fair hair, blue eyes, widow, loving, considerate, likes travel, meals out, socialising, culture, classic cars, boating, cycling, walks, seeks female up to 58. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338657**

JOHN 57, 5ft 11ins, medium build, easygoing, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383498**

CHRIS 49, own home, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Portsmouth. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353977**

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks similar, attractive, kind, genuine female for relationship. East Grinstead. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352363**

ANOTHER Christmas that's not enjoyable? Sincere gent, 49, seeks lady, 35-45 to celebrate, exchange presents, party and shop till we drop. Think about it, its time to change. Lindfield. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383122**

MARK single dad, likes stock cars, nights in/out, seeks female for fun and friendship. Horley. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383112**

32YR old male, 6ft 3ins, attractive, seeks similar age, attractive female for good times. Crawley. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354563**

DIVORCED male, 55, 5ft 8ins, medium build, Libra, GSOH, OHAC, seeks female friend for safe adult fun. Discretion assured. Hemel Hempstead. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355407**

PAUL 61, N/S, likes walks, museum, coast, seeks passionate, adventurous, blonde female, 40-65 for LTR. Cuddly build preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355305**

FUN loving guy 50, 5ft 10ins, seeks outgoing, feminine, mature female, 45-60 for TLC. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354803**

ALAN young 46, attractive, green eyes, brown hair, 6ft, medium build, white, fun, loyal, N/S, seeks female for friendship/romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356671**

RICHARD 49, 6ft, slim, professional, GSOH, tactile, affectionate, likes most things, seeks slim, affectionate female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349519**

HOVE male, 43, tall, dark, likes sports, music, cinema, nights in, seeks friendly, tactile female for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378672**

PAUL 48, slim, 6ft, seeks caring female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348705**

BLUE eyed male, 60's, slim, active, 5ft 5ins, solvent, likes socialising, drives, travel, seeks petite female for LTR. Burgess Hill. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382996**

47YR old male, 5ft 7ins, average build/looks, blue eyes, fit, healthy, seeks female, 30-45 for friendship, fun and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383528**

PETER 57, blue eyes, full head of hair, likes sport, meals out, drinks, seeks nice, down to earth female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356067**

PETE 49, seeks new adventure, sun, sea, fresh air and wine, own home and job, looking for similar. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356687**

ATTRACTIVE male, 30, shy, inexperienced, seeks older female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356555**

RETIRED businessman, active 61, GSOH, seeks petite, girly female to build relationship. Any nationality. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383428**

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks similar, attractive, genuine lady, 56 plus for LTR. East Grinstead. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383310**

ANDREW 58, 5ft 7ins, likes walks, coast, animals, seeks similar aged female with GSOH for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350681**

DAVE 60, 5ft 11ins, caring, romantic, seeks female, 40 plus, size 14-16 to chill out for fun times. Portsmouth. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354789**

GOOD times ahead with 50's sensible guy, GSOH, medium build, likes all things cultural, travel, seeks lady with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. NW London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383024**

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BI male, 57, passive, tactile, seeks good looking, muscular male for occasional meetings. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357451**

SINGLE unassertive male, mid 40's, seeks assertive male of any age for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356269**

TV blonde, glamourous, seeks admirier. Guildford area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350549**

FRIENDLY male, 54, looks younger, medium build, N/S, seeks male, 25-60 for discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383426**

ROY 42, medium build, GSOH, average looks, brown hair, 5ft 8ins, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355997**

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BREAK TIME

National survey is watching the birdie

THE tenth annual RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch is under way. The national survey will see hundreds of schoolchildren count the birds they see in their playgrounds.



Pupils from Sandown School in Deal, White Cliffs Primary and St Richard's Primary in Dover, Capel-le-Ferne Primary and St Martins School in Folkestone, and Capel Brownies will be taking part. The count, which began on Monday and will run to Friday, February 4, it encourages children and teachers to learn about the birds that share their school grounds.

Last year, 55 schools in the county took part in the survey with 1,800 Kent pupils counting birds. The survey helps the RSPB build a picture of birdlife and the changes in population .

In Kent last year, the blue tit was the most common visitor to playgrounds, with blackbirds second and black-headed gulls third.

Since its launch in 2002, the survey has grown in popularity and last year the RSPB introduced the Little Schools' Birdwatch for the under fives.

Sophie McCallum of the RSPB said: "As well as contributing to our understanding of the changes in bird numbers, Big Schools' Birdwatch does a fantastic job of inspiring children about nature.

"All you need to do is watch and count the birds in your school grounds for one hour, then send one set of results back to the RSPB telling us what you saw."

Lloyd Webber calls tune for college's £1m music project

A WORLD renowned cellist will be opening a new music school in Dover.

BY MATHEW BEECH

Julian Lloyd Webber will be at Dover College to open the £1million project.

Lloyd Webber, 62, launched his career after winning a scholarship to the Royal College of Music at the age of 16.

He went on to become one of the world's most renowned cellists and musicians.

Following in his footsteps is Dover College graduate Elspeth Robertson, age 16, who received a scholarship from the Royal College of Music and will be performing at the grand opening of the music school.

Dover College headmaster Stephen Jones said: "Our plan is to significantly increase the number of pupils taking music lessons and we will be adding to our music scholarships.

"It's all about encouraging youngsters to sing and play an instrument."

The brother of composer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Julian will open the Tallis Music School at Dover College on Saturday.

The hall is named after Thomas Tallis, a composer born in Kent around 1505, and widely considered the most important composer of Tudor times.

His first known appointment to a musical position was as organist of Dover Priory in 1530-31, which is now Dover College.

He wrote The Lamentations of Jeremiah and If Ye Love Me, which will be performed on the day by the Dover College school choir.

Dover College will be organising music days in March, inviting local primary schools to participate in a music lesson and then perform a concert for parents to attend.

The college runs a chapel choir, madrigal group, choral society, orchestra, jazz band and a number of smaller ensembles, with plenty of opportunities for pupils to perform at any level and in any style.

Director of music Paul Young said: "Dover College is always on the lookout for potential musicians among our pupils and from outside.

"Scholarships are awarded annually to those who show potential or have gained a sufficiently high standard on their instrument or voice.

"Naturally, we hope such improved facilities will encourage others to want to join us and become part of our musical environment here at Dover College."



GUEST: Julian Lloyd Webber will attend the opening of Dover College's music school

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Forum meeting to discuss the Open

I would like to invite your readers to attend the next meeting of the Sandwich Area Neighbourhood Forum on Tuesday, February 1.

Refreshments will be available an hour before the meeting starts; this provides a chance to meet local councillors from county, district and town and look at the exhibitions on display. You can also talk to a representative from the Dover District Community Safety Partnership. The topic for this meeting is the Open Golf Championship which is coming to Sandwich in July. This is a chance to find out about the work partners are doing to ensure that everything is in place for this event, which is likely to attract 200,000 visitors and bring a multi-million boost to the area. Members of the Open Golf Project Executive will be present to discuss the preparations and how the event and traffic will be managed and to answer any questions you may have.

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Not us to blame for government mess

I salute the Swiss compliance banker whose complaints about tax evasion went ignored by his bosses for years. It's ironic that whistle-blowers are punished not praised.

Facts are more dire than fiction in post-modern England. I can't understand why we are unfairly made financially liable for all the errors and excesses of government.

Our legislators are responsible for the mess, yet they are the ones milking us dry and throwing us on the scrap heap. In their pursuit of raiding our wallets, government has recruited armies of bureaucrats including the doctors and nurses who prefer mismanaging the NHS to caring for patients.

For example the Care Quality Commission found Bexley failed in 12 out of 15 aspects of stroke care. Bexley Council Social Services was criticised by a carer on Talk Radio, yet they will soon be in charge of public health as well as raising revenue and licensing.

Rita Grootendorst
Campaigner for affordable living

Some still think it's ok to text and drive

If a relative or friend told you they had been updating their Facebook page while driving, you'd think they were mad – yet sadly, this kind of behaviour is becoming increasingly common.

Making phone calls, texting, logging on to the Internet and tweeting while driving aren't the only stupid things that drivers have been spotted doing. We've had members of the public contact us to say they've seen motorists trying to eat yoghurts, applying lipstick while doing 70mph, filming passengers using their mobiles, even shaving while driving.

It's incredibly worrying that people still don't take seriously the dangers posed by using a phone while driving, or doing anything else which prevents them from concentrating on the road. In the last three years, four people have died and nearly 60 have been injured on Kent's roads in mobile phone-related crashes.

Studies have proved that using a hand-held mobile phone while driving causes a distraction, impairs your control of the vehicle and reduces your ability to react to what is happening around you. Research has also shown that you are far more likely to have a crash if you use your mobile while driving.

Unfortunately, there are still people who think that using a phone won't distract them. That's why the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership has launched a campaign to remind drivers that our safety camera vans will be out enforcing mobile phone and also seat belt laws, as well as speed.

If you're still unsure about what's legal and what isn't, visit our website, www.kmscp.org.

We'd also like to hear readers' thoughts about reckless driver behaviour by encouraging them to write to this newspaper.

Perhaps by starting a debate on this issue, motorists who continue to flout the law will finally get the message that every time they pick up that phone, they are putting lives at risk – including their own.

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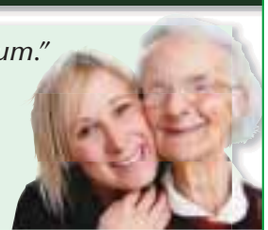
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Marquis named as a real rising star

A TOP restaurant near Dover has been awarded a 'rising star' award in the annual Michelin guide.

The accolade is given to eateries in line for a Michelin star in the future, giving the Marquis at Alkham – which is also a luxury hotel and wedding venue – added incentive to maintain its high standards.

Five Kent restaurants kept hold of their one-star ratings in this year's guide but there were no additions to the county's elite. They are the West House in Biddenden, Apicius in Cranbrook, Read's in Faversham, the Sportsman in Whitstable, and Chapter One in Bromley.

Meanwhile, the Number One B&B in Deal has been voted the fifth best bed-and-breakfast in the world in the annual Travellers' Choice Hotel Awards.

Army of workers ready for potholes

KENT County Council says it is about to launch an army of specialist tarmac firms on a month-long campaign to fix 'safety-critical' potholes across the county caused by the winter ice.

The Kent small and medium-sized engineering firms are working alongside Kent Highway Services gangs in a £1 million drive to fix the potholes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We know snow and ice cause damage to the roads and we are absolutely determined to fix the potholes."

KCC is also launching a drive to recruit tarmac firms for a repair campaign in the summer – when weather conditions are more favourable.

League tables give an 'unfair' picture of school performance

BY **STEVE KNIGHT**

Teachers' work with special needs pupils is ignored

EDUCATION chiefs in Kent have asked the Government to take special needs provision into account before publishing potentially damaging school league tables.

Secondary schools that contain a high number of children with special educational needs (SEN) often achieve lower than average GCSE results, and in some cases less than the National Challenge target of 30 per cent of pupils score five A* to C grades including English and maths.

Headteachers say this creates a negative perception of schools that in reality are helping SEN pupils obtain far better grades than would usually be expected of them.

Kent County Council has now written to education secretary Michael Gove asking the Government to come up with a fairer system.

One school that suffers from the current arrangements is the Malling School in East Malling, which has the largest SEN unit in the county and is included in the National Challenge scheme due to only 26 per cent of pupils achieving five A* to C grades including English and maths.

"Significant pressures are put on you if you fall below the 30 per cent target but we are being judged unfairly," said principal Carl Roberts. "Without the SEN unit we'd have hit 34 per cent last year.



EDUCATION SECRETARY: Michael Gove

"It's an absolute travesty when you look at the value added to these students. Our teachers work really hard and are so skilled at understanding their needs and getting them up there. But despite all that a league table comes out that puts us at the bottom and then people start using words like 'failing' and 'underachieving', and it's absolutely wrong.

"We should level the playing field by removing the results of SEN pupils so we can be judged the same as every other school."

In the letter to Mr Gove, KCC cabinet member for education Cllr Sarah Hohler claims the system provides disincentives for the development of further mainstream SEN provision.

She also calls for the Government to come up with a new way of judging a school's achievements as part of a forthcoming Green Paper on the subject.

Gravesend-based education adviser Peter Read said he felt sorry for the schools, which he claims may never reach the National Challenge benchmark under the current system.

He added: "The Malling School should clearly be doing better than that. It's just another factor that makes league tables not credible, but even Ofsted places more emphasis on exam performance so schools with SEN units are being penalised across the board.

"The only answer I can see offhand is that the results of mainstream pupils be counted separately to those of SEN children."

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education said it would be replying to the KCC letter "in due course".

She added: "Recognising the achievements and progress of all children and young people – including those with special educational needs and disabilities – is an important priority for the Government. The forthcoming Green Paper on SEN will be looking at how we could report the progress of the lowest-attaining 20 per cent of students in the performance tables.

"We will be seeking views as part of the consultation that follows its publication."



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IN MY VIEW



By Chris Britcher

Dancing on the hope of a fall

DANCING ON ICE (ITV1)

ONCE upon a time, the post-Christmas TV blues were relieved by the arrival of Celebrity Big Brother.

For Channel 4 it was the perfect dessert to the festive schedules – fresh, live content throughout January, which advertisers could really indulge in and viewers engaged with as they chomped through the last of the family box of Roses.

It made money, the viewing figures were strong and the UK media loved nothing more than splashing the exploits all over its pages day in, day out.

In short it was a success. But 2011 dawns as a Big Brother-free zone. The concept shelved.

Which means people with an appetite for reality TV starring celebrities you have to stretch your mind to recognise, is there and seeking an outlet.

Enter, then, Dancing on Ice. Its premise is simple – take famous faces, stick them on the ice, see if they can dance. Viewers vote them out and Torvill and Dean teach them. It's been bubbling away for a few years now, but finally it is out there without competition.

Unlike BB, it's on once a week, rather than daily, and the chance of hearing a bit of swearing or gossip is as likely as buxom co-presenter Holly Willoughby being allowed to show the fun she does have in her, as seen on her stint with X Factor spin-off the Xtra Factor.

So we have the very middle class Phillip Schofield as anchor alongside our Olympic skating duo, and a range of stars for whom the word 'famous' is perhaps at most an abstract concept, rather than an accurate adjective.

Yet it remains compulsive viewing for the very reason ice skating probably captures such a large audience during the Olympic Games. It's not all about the poise and beauty of a couple cutting through the ice. It's simple. It's hoping they both fall over and end up in a crumpled mess. An even split in appeal, I grant you, but the truth nonetheless.

Normally, of course, it's the choice of celebrities which maketh the show. And producers have not been daft here. The starting line-up covered all bases and all demographics. There was Angela Rippon for those who remember her in her prime (not that it did her any good, being kicked out in the first week), there's Kerry Katona for the tabloids, and there's Radio 1's Comedy Dave – the obligatory person from a mainstream breakfast show, to ensure daily plugs. GMTV replacement Daybreak is clearly so unloved, it is no longer a first port of call.

It doesn't come with the punch and addiction potential of Big Brother, nor does it have that easy office conversation-starter of the X Factor, but it does remain strangely compelling viewing. Granted, I've never heard of the bulk of people on it, but there is something deliciously easy Sunday night viewing about it which is hard to resist.

CINEMA

BLACK SWAN (15)

NATALIE Portman collected a coveted Golden Globe award as best actress last weekend for her tour-de-force portrayal of an emotionally fragile ballerina in Black Swan.

She deserves to win the Oscar on February 27 for this career-defining performance that required 10 months of gruelling physical preparation before the cameras even started rolling. All that incredible will and discipline in the dance studio certainly pays off – not once do we doubt that Portman could perform the demanding solos from Swan Lake that punctuate this psychological drama.

The actress powerfully conveys the disparity between her character's physical strength and grace, and her mental frailty when insecurities and jealousy steadily gnaw away at her self-confidence.

Director Darren Aronofsky gracefully pirouettes between reality and fantasy as he joins Portman on this mesmerising descent into madness. He has plumbed some dark places in his earlier work including Requiem For A Dream, and The Wrestler. He should enjoy even greater success with Black Swan, which puts the actors centre stage but still manages to showcase his directorial brio.

Artistic director Thomas Leroy presides over a ballet company at New York's Lincoln Center, all too aware that his productions have lost their edge.

So he very publicly terminates the services of prima ballerina Beth Macintyre and chooses Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman) as her replacement to lead an erotically charged new staging of Swan Lake.

Nina is technically gifted but struggles to express her emotions on stage, which causes friction with Thomas, who needs Nina to embrace her dark side if she is ever to play the Black Swan. Soon after, sensual ballerina Lily is cast as understudy to the lead role and Nina feels threatened, as if the new girl is trying to usurp her.

Harangued by her mother, a former dancer who gave up everything to raise a family, Nina wrestles with fear and paranoia, teetering on the brink of an emotional breakdown.

Black Swan skilfully draws together elements of Aronofsky's previous films and stokes the tension as we become immersed in this tale of delusions and dreams.

Portman's fearless lead performance is complemented by some monstrous supporting performances, too.

Sequences from Swan Lake are dazzlingly choreographed to Clint Mansell's soundtrack (heavily inspired by Tchaikovsky's haunting score), making the ballet accessible and thrilling to audiences who are unfamiliar with the story of accursed Odette.

While the heroine of the ballet struggles to take flight, Aronofsky's film and his leading lady soar.

THE DILEMMA (12A)

THE truth hurts... almost as much as seeing the kernel of a good idea poorly executed on the big screen.

The Dilemma is a curious amalgam of heart-tugging drama and buddy comedy that lurches from class to crass.

On the one hand, screenwriter Allan Loeb tests the bonds of brotherly love as he puts characters through the emotional wringer, and Oscar-winning director Ron Howard elicits strong performances from Jennifer Connelly and Winona Ryder as the women caught in a web of lies.

Yet, every time the film strikes a chord, we are subjected to a ludicrous scene of idiocy involving Vince Vaughn and Kevin James that begs serious questions about why two intelligent women would ever entertain the advances of these buffoons.

Ronny (Vince Vaughn) and Nick (Kevin James) have been best friends since college and now work together at B&V Engine Design, the company they both own.

They hope to pitch their state-of-the-art electric engine design to executives at a major company. While Nick works tirelessly to iron out gremlins in his design, Ronny frets about proposing to his girlfriend, talented chef Beth (Jennifer Connelly).



BLACK SWAN: Natalie Portman dances for her life in this disturbingly moving film

During preparations to go down on bended knee, Ronny makes a shocking discovery: Nick's wife (Winona Ryder) is cheating.

Therefore Ronny faces an agonising decision: Keep the truth from his best friend until the automotive company has signed on the dotted line or tell Nick everything, aggravate his stomach ulcer and plunge the engine design project into chaos.

The Dilemma has all the makings of an intriguing dissection of male relationships, posing the question: What would we do in Ronny's position?

Connelly and Ryder play their roles straight, while almost all of the male actors milk laughs where they can. Changes in tone are jarring and by the time Howard draws proceedings to a close by uniting the characters in one location, we're secretly hoping the various relationships implode.

Of course, loneliness and regret do not sit well with audiences and so The Dilemma serves up simplistic, sugar-coated escapism.

MORNING GLORY (12A)

LADEN with one-liners, Morning Glory is a frothy comedy based around a shambolic TV breakfast show called Daybreak.

Scriptwriter Aline Brosh McKenna hasn't been drawing inspiration from the critically lambasted replacement for GMTV.

Instead, she breathes in the jaded air of American network morning shows, which gently rouse viewers from their slumber with a blend of news and light-hearted human-interest stories.

Against this backdrop of on-air calamity, McKenna charts the precarious rise of an ambitious young woman, drawing obvious comparisons with her screenplay for The Devil Wears Prada. Here, Rachel McAdams's perennially perky producer endures a verbal onslaught from a veteran anchorman, who believes that a job in front of the cameras on morning TV is far below him.

Becky Fuller (Rachel McAdams) is one of the brightest stars at Good Morning New Jersey but her sterling efforts are rewarded with redundancy. Unperturbed, the young producer telephones every network searching for a job, to the despair of her mother, who wants her daughter to give up her dream.

Thankfully, New York network manager, Jerry Barnes, comes to Becky's rescue.

He offers her the poisoned chalice of Daybreak, the station's breakfast show which ranks a lowly third in the ratings.

Morning Glory is a hoot, distinguished by a scenery-chewing performance from Harrison Ford as a revered news man.

McAdams is a tad insipid and her romance is a trifle, but when Roger Michell's film is focused on antics in and around the Daybreak studio, we're laughing uproariously.

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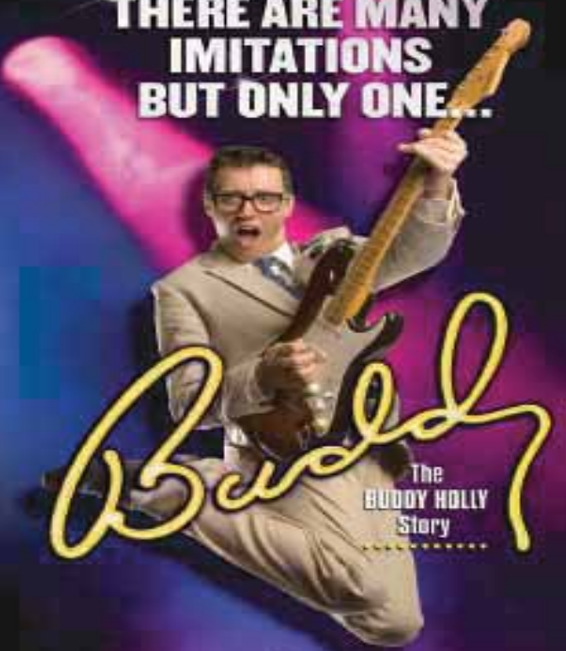
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COMEDIAN and best-selling author Shappi Khorsandi is heading to Kent for two shows.

An Evening with Shappi Khorsandi sees the star of BBC shows Live at the Apollo and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, discussing her new status as a single mother.

The new show reputedly reveals a more contemplative side as she muses over coming to terms with the lifestyle changes this upheaval brings.

Khorsandi's autobiographical book, a Beginner's Guide to Acting English, was published to great critical success.

She plays the Brook Theatre, Chatham, on Monday, February 7, call 01634 338338 or see www.medway.gov.uk/theatres to book

She's then at the Quarterhouse, Folkestone, on May 28, see www.quarterhouse.co.uk or call 01303 858500 for tickets.

Make the most of your big weekend of free attractions

THE website for My Kent Big Weekend – the annual giveaway of free tickets to the county's top attractions – goes live on Monday.

But organisers Visit Kent are reassuring residents they have plenty of time to choose from the thousands of tickets available to more than 100 of Kent's top attractions.

You will have three weeks to visit the website www.mykentbigweekend.co.uk so there's ample opportunity to bag tickets to sites ranging from hidden gems to internationally renowned cathedrals and castles.

Once the website closes, tickets will be allocated, by ballot, in readiness for the My Kent Big Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27.

The initiative has grown out of the Kent Big Day Out, which was first launched by Visit Kent, the county's tourism champions, five years ago.

The aim is to raise awareness of all the attractions and destinations across the county that welcome 44 million visitors every year, contributing more than £2.5 billion to the local economy.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive at Visit Kent, said: "We are now ready to have a whole weekend dedicated to celebrating our world-class tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses. Two days will enable even more people to take advantage of the free tickets and explore the many new and established attractions on their doorstep.



COME AND SEE: Penshurst Place is one of the venues opening its doors

"Last year we did experience IT problems with so many people trying to log on to our website at the same time. So this year Visit Kent is following in the footsteps of such popular ticket events as Strictly Come Dancing and Wimbledon

"We are giving people more time to look through all the attractions and destinations welcoming My Kent Big Weekend visitors. Once ticket registration has finished, we will hold a ballot and people will only be allocated tickets for attractions they have chosen for the day they have selected."

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The decadent desserts are all freshly made, along with a selection of fresh coffees that provide the ideal way to finish any meal.

Steak Night every Tuesday has proven to be very successful, and the head chef, James Pearce, specialises in Italian cuisine

Owner Ben Wilson had a well-established public house for nine years in Hythe, which he left in 2006, when the opportunity arose to take on the lease of a public house which had not been trading for two years.

Ben and his partner felt that the potential for a successful business could not be missed.

There is a garden for customers, and a new outside bar and dining area is also planned for later this year.

Food is available from noon to 3pm Monday to Saturday, and 6pm to 9pm, Monday to Thursday; 6pm to 9.30pm Friday and Saturday and noon to 6pm on Sunday.

The White Hart, 71 High Street, Hythe, CT21 5AJ. Telephone: 01303 263121









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Taste of the Med, close to seafront

Don Giovanni

DON Giovanni is one of the leading Italian restaurants in East Kent, and is a great place to try if diners want a little Mediterranean experience.

Close to the Leas and the seafront in Folkestone, it is a warm and cosy venue with a Latin ambience, which is much appreciated by discerning customers.

New features of the popular eatery include a special regional menu which is available every month, from Sundays to Thursdays.

This is a specially-prepared menu from one selected area of Italy, so diners can become aware of the tastes that exist across the country, which has an international reputation for culinary excellence.

A selection of chef's specials are available every day, including fish and pasta dishes. The restaurant is still continuing with its year-round popular dishes, which include excellent fish choices such as grilled sardines served on a bed of lemons.

The chef is not afraid to experiment with his recipes, and that is one reason that variety continues to be the spice of life at Don Giovanni.

The restaurant is now taking bookings for Valentine's Day, where the chef is promising something extra special alongside the excellent menu selection.

The venue is open from noon to 2.30pm, and 6.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Saturday, and 6.30pm to 10pm on Sundays.

Don Giovanni, 18 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone. Telephone 01303 850962

CHEF RECOMMENDS

Don Giovanni

Starter: Deep-fried smoked mozzarella served with garlic mayonnaise
Main course: Rump of lamb, served with a red wine and mushroom sauce
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COVER STORY

Paul puts on A Different Hat

JOE BILL catches up with one of the music world's most prolific performers

IT'S hard to resist the temptation to reel off lists of performances, sessions, hits and appearances that Paul Carrack has been involved in.

But when you have contributed to more than 60 albums in your career, the odd inventory is going to have to pop up somewhere.

Described as "the hardest working man in modern music", the former Roxy Music and Squeeze musician will bring his annual 60-date tour to the garden of England this month.

Songs we never tire of hearing are set to follow Paul Carrack around for eternity as Squeeze's Tempted and Mike and the Mechanics' The Living Years remain synonymous with the Yorkshireman.

But as he rolls into Dartford's Orchard Theatre on Tuesday, and Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall a day later, Carrack assured me there was to be something very different about this tour.

In October last year, the multi-talented performer released his 15th solo album, A Different Hat.

He did so with the help of former Van Morrison drummer Pete Van Hooke as producer, and the pair say they have come up with a really new sound. Maybe that's because they also enlisted the help of musical royalty.

Carrack said: "This album was completely different to anything I have ever done before because we used the Philharmonic Orchestra to back us on the tracks. It was all very new."

Inspired by his recent tours with big bands, Carrack had been considering the challenge of making an orchestral record, yet retaining the intimacy and warmth he is noted for.

Armed with a nine-piece posse of his own, he is now ready to bring his new sound to the UK.

But don't worry, there will still be a few classics thrown in.

Carrack said: "The show is still similar to previous tours in that we have a nine piece band, in which my son Jack plays.

"The group I play with now were already a band when I joined up with them, so there is a great team vibe that you don't always get when using session musicians.

Balance

"We wanted to keep it all fresh and do new songs, but it is also important to play a few of the big hits for the fans as well. However, this is by no means a nostalgia tour.

"We tried to strike a good balance."

The new album does renew some old classics anyway as Carrack gives his own rendition of Randy Newman's I Think it's Going to Rain Today.

Carrack said: "I am a big fan. it was a suggestion from Peter (Van Hook) and I didn't need my arm twisted!"

Well-loved songs made famous by the likes of Nat King Cole, Gerry and The Pacemakers, Peggy Lee, and The Eagles, also take their place on the 12-track album.

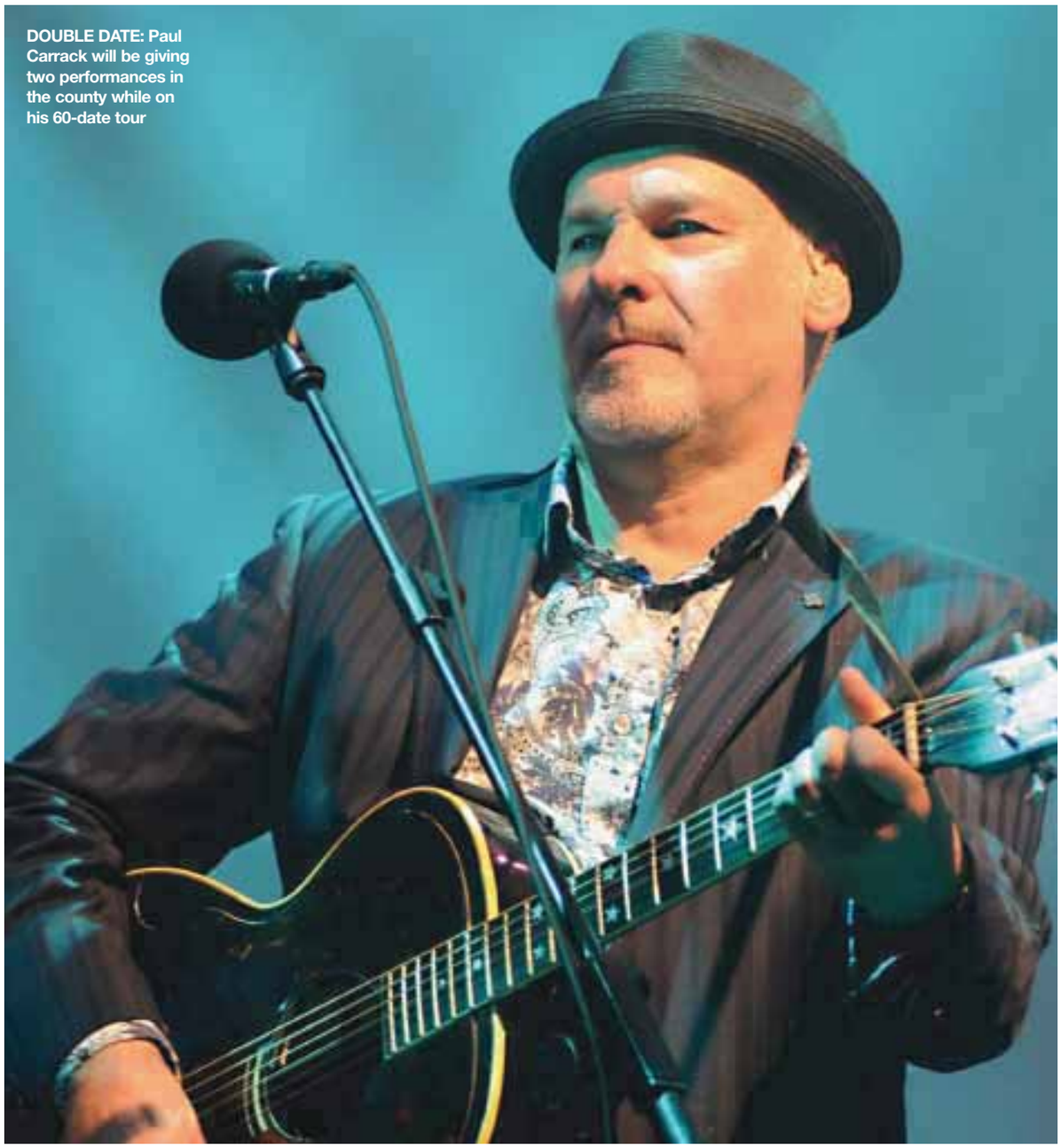
The 59-year-old is known for having an instantly recognisable voice after years as the vocal talent in 80s stalwarts, Mike and The Mechanics. And with more than 40 years of experience behind him surely it would be easy enough to just give anything a bash.

Apparently not, as the ever-progressive Carrack decided his enviable voice needed to change to fit the new record.

He said: "My natural territory is to sing quite loud, but it sounds much richer when I bring my voice down.

"We also found that the lower we made the key, the broader my voice sounded, engendering this intimacy. It's a different technique, it's harder and I couldn't have done this a few years ago. You're learning all the time."

It is now time for one of those lists, as Carrack is able to boast of the likes of The Eagles, Diana Ross, Tom Jones and Jools Holland having used his material. With performances on albums for The Smiths, The Pretenders, Elton John and Ringo Starr making up a small register of appreciative artists.



DOUBLE DATE: Paul Carrack will be giving two performances in the county while on his 60-date tour

Now, although Carrack has gone on to push his boundaries musically and challenge himself to create new sounds, he has not forgotten about the diehard fans who jump every time they hear he is touring.

He said: "Many people pay to come and watch us every year, and some see us several times on one tour. So of course it is important to play some of the big hits from my time with various bands, as well as solo stuff. We always get a good reaction from Tempted and my big claim to fame, The Living Years."

It would be easy to hang up his plectrums and let the royalties roll in while Carrack relaxes in his home in Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire.

But just the brief chat I had with him told me it was not in his nature to give up or stop. And the enthusiasm with which he spoke about his tour clearly demonstrated the buzz he gets from being on stage will probably keep him going for many years to come.

He said: "This is my job and it is always good fun to go to work with the guys.

"It is a really good family atmosphere on the tour and it is a pleasure to do this. I guess if it wasn't I would have taken up golf by now."

This addiction to changing and evolving performances is clear to see in A Different Hat, as Carrack takes on the often-performed and difficult to re-invent, Moon River.

The fact that the album closes with an updated rendition of his own song, It Ain't Over, just proves he Paul Carrack is the master of breathing new life into old material.

• Paul Carrack performs at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, on Tuesday, January 25, with tickets costing £28.50. Call the Box Office on 01322 220000. He plays again at Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall Theatre on Wednesday, January 26, tickets are £27.50. Call the box office on 01892 530613. For more information visit www.paulcarrack.net.

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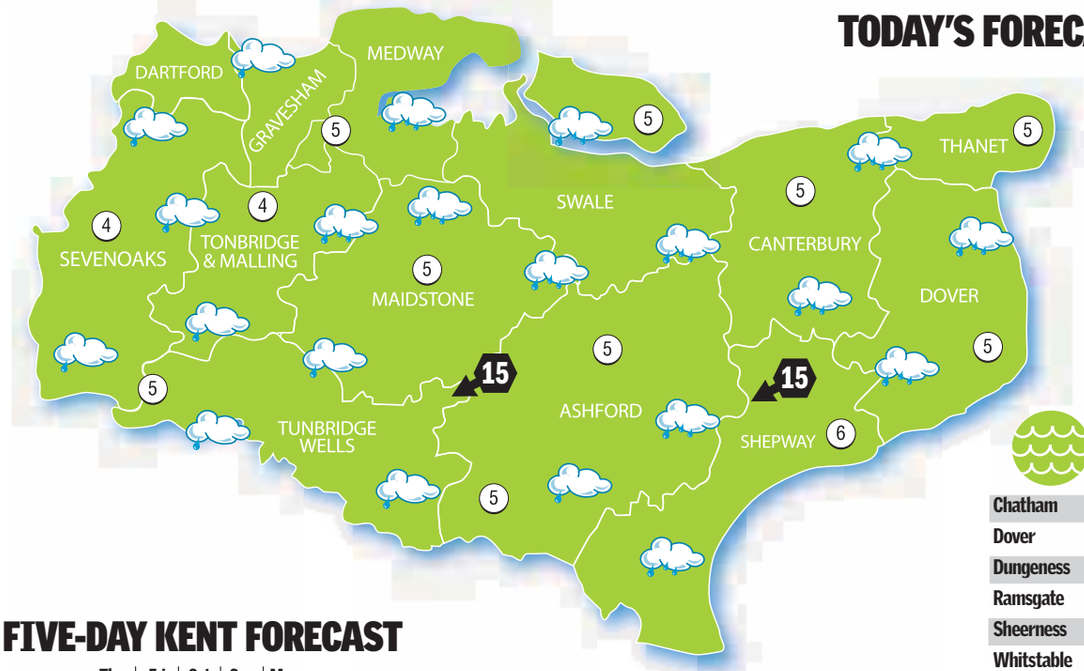
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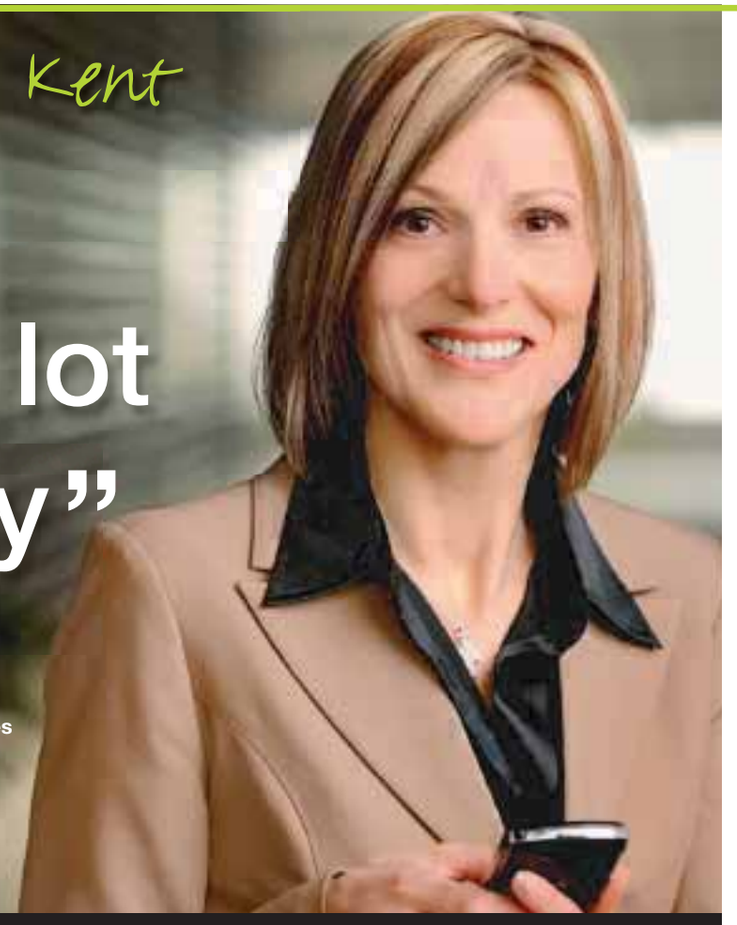
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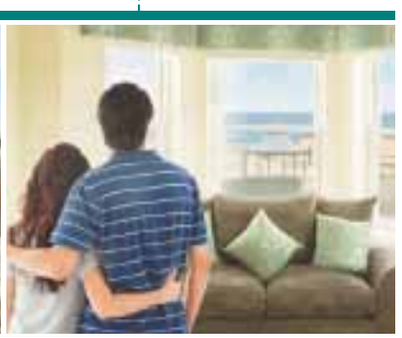
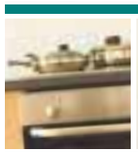
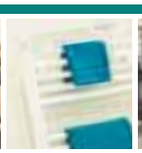
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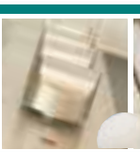
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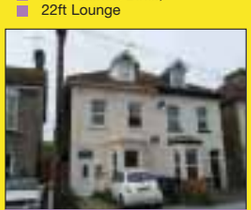
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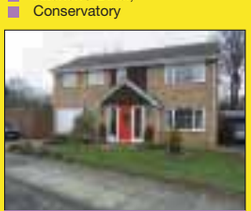
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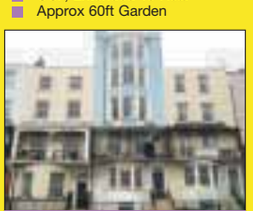
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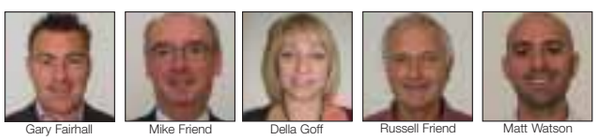
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Within School Catchments
Gardens To Front & Rear



Cliftonville £157,000

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Two Reception Rooms
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Superb Kitchen



St Peters £170,000

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Garden To Rear



Broadstairs £199,950

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On track for rail apprentice places

NETWORK Rail has extended its apprenticeship scheme for another year with places available at its Ashford and Orpington depots.

Interest for the nationwide programme is at an all-time high, as almost 8,000 young people have pre-registered for 200 positions, including eight in Kent.

The firm is the not-for-dividend owner and operator of Britain's railway infrastructure, which includes tracks, signals, tunnels, bridges, viaducts, level crossings and stations.

Acting chief executive Peter Henderson said: "The huge numbers we're attracting each year shows young people recognise an apprenticeship can offer a path to a challenging and rewarding career.

"For us it has proven great value in investing in our people.

"With such competition for places it is vital that if business is to lead this country to economic recovery, the right support is needed.

"A more flexible approach offering equal support for all apprentices, whatever their age, would help businesses large and small create the apprenticeships and the skilled workforce Britain needs to thrive."

Mr Henderson revealed that in 2007 the majority of the firm's apprentices were aged 16 and 17, while now there are more 19-to-21-year-olds on the programme.

Apprentices aged over 22 have also increased five-fold since that time, making up 22 per cent of the total. The oldest apprentice is 35.

Meanwhile, Network Rail is also calling for a national debate on the funding for older apprentices.

The firm says equal funding support for over-19s as for those aged 16-18 would help businesses across Britain drive recovery and create as many apprenticeships as possible.

There is currently 50 per cent less support for apprentices aged 19 or over, making it more costly to run a scheme the older the person is who joins.



PROSPECTS: Since it opened 11 years ago, Bluewater has created more than 20,000 jobs, and now it has an apprenticeship scheme

Scheme prepares the experts of tomorrow

BLUEWATER shopping centre hopes its successful apprenticeship programme will convince other employers of the benefits to be gained from investing in youth.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

Having created more than 22,000 jobs over the past 11 years, the business has stepped up its search for the retail experts of tomorrow by providing a select group of young people with the skills and experience vital to a career in the industry.

According to Bluewater's retail manager James Waugh, the programme for 16 to 24-year-olds involves both classroom and placement-based training on every aspect of running a successful retail business.

He added: "We recognise the importance of developing the next generation of retail experts, and of supporting the community by providing jobs and training.

"Offering apprentices the chance to learn new skills provides an employer with highly-motivated and enthusiastic individuals, therefore helping to boost overall productivity for business.

"Apprentices can also provide extra support through busy retail periods and projects, and are keen to take on new tasks to expand their knowledge. They offer a valuable insight into today's workforce.

"We hope the success of the scheme will encourage other businesses to introduce similar programmes across the country, and 10 years from now, the Bluewater Apprenticeship Scheme will continue to raise the educational and retail career aspirations of young people."

The training programme launched in 2009 with five apprentices, with the second intake being increased to seven last September.

Among those to have voiced their support for the scheme are Dartford MP Gareth Johnson, Dragons' Den star Theo Paphitis, and the National Skills Academy for Retail.

Those fortunate enough to win an apprenticeship carry out much of their training at the on-site Learning Shop, which has been accessed by more than 10,000 people over the past 11 years.

Mr Waugh revealed how the opening of the Events Venue at Bluewater later this year will create 100 new full-time positions, while the range and frequency of events held will create additional part-time jobs.

He added: "Bluewater recognises the importance of developing the next generation of retail experts, and the importance of supporting the community by providing jobs and training."

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According to a new report by the trust, 16- to 25-year-olds who are classed as Neet (not in employment, education or training) are more likely to suffer from panic attacks, self-harm and self-loathing.

South East regional director Rosemary Watt-Wyness said: "Unemployment presents a real and frightening mental health problem for young people – and the longer they are out of work, the greater the risk.

"The Prince's Trust can help vulnerable young people back on their feet and into work, building motivation and self-esteem."

Thirty-three-year old Nigel Tait, from Hadlow, near Tonbridge, was out of work for more than four years before getting help from the Prince's Trust's enterprise programme to set up his own business.

In 2009 he won the Federation of Small Business Enterprise Award for his domestic appliance, electrical and plumbing repairs and sales firm, N Tait Services.

"When you're out of work your self-esteem really suffers," he said. "You feel like a failure, and it really affects your confidence.

"Not having anything to get up for in the morning made me feel increasingly depressed.

"I was also worried about money and whether I would ever be able to find a job.

"Starting my own business has given me a real purpose in life. Thanks to the Prince's Trust, I now feel confident and positive about the future."

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Let gigs inspire you to career in creative arts

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EXCITED: Music student Lucy Cousins

Lucy Cousins, 22, who is in her final year at Canterbury Christ Church University, has set herself up as a freelance music consultant and says she wants to give something back to the community.

The first YARD show will be held at the university's Broadstairs campus on Friday, January 28.

Lucy said: "I'm so excited about bringing the new skills I've learned back home to Thanet.

"YARD is aimed at teenagers in the area who have a desire to perform and make a potential career out of the creative arts, or who just want to know what it's all about and try something new.

"I'm sure they will really enjoy it."

Tickets for the Broadstairs show are £4 and are available from the Westwood Cross branch of HMV.

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Challenge days to shed new light on engineering

YOUNG engineers from six Kent schools took part in a challenge day organised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

Last week's event was one of 45 held across the UK to encourage more pupils to consider careers in the 'Stem' subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths.

It was hosted by Bullers Wood School in Bromley, and included teams from nearby Coopers Technology College, Beaverwood School for Girls, Darrick Wood School and Hayes School, as well as from Kemnal Technology College in Bexley.

IET head of education Gareth James said: "Engineering is often an invisible industry among young people. They have pre-conceived negative ideas about what engineers look like and the jobs they do.

"Through these challenge days we aim to encourage more young people to study Stem subjects and consider engineering as a possible career path.

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To apply/more information: Best Connection Agency (The) maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003
Notice of application for the variation of a premises licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to the licensing authority of Maidstone Borough Council for the variation of a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003

Details of the application are as follows;
Name of Applicant; Mytime Active
Postal address of premises; Cobtree Golf Course, Chatham Road, Sandling, Maidstone, ME14 3AZ
Brief description of proposed variation to premises licence; To extend Permitted Hours to 00.30hrs for Supply of Alcohol Mon-Sat & remove conditions section under 'Children' from embedded conditions. Entertainment Mon-Sat.

Any responsible authority or interested party wishing to make representations on this matter must submit those representations in writing to; The Licensing Team,

Maidstone Borough Council PO Box 1255 MAIDSTONE ME14 9LT by no later than 28 days from the date of this notice.

ANY REPRESNTATIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE APPLICANT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

Please note that it is an offence knowingly or recklessly making a false statement in connection with an application and, on summary conviction for the offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding level five on the standard scale (currently £5,000)

Signed; B Thompson Dated; 14/01/11

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Knowlton Court, Knowlton, Canterbury**
Applicant: **Andrew Fox-Pitt**
Name of Premises: **Fordwich Town Hall, King Street, Fordwich**
Applicant: **Elizabeth Lewis**

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
First Floor, Invicta House
Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XX

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Court Stairs Manor, Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate**
Applicant: **Mrs Julie Elder**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Orchard House, 164 Wateringbury Road, East Malling**
Applicant: **Colin Price**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Paper Mill, Foxhole Lane/Hinksden Road, Hawkhurst**
Applicant: **Mr Charlie Andrew**
Name of Premises: **Groombridge Place Gardens, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells**
Applicant: **Mrs Jill Todd**

Plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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COOK & CO (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED
T/A "Mr Clutch"
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 05452695
Notice is hereby given that Mark Newman and Vincent John Green (IP Nos 008723 and 009418) both of CCW Recovery Solutions LLP, Jaeger House, 5 Clanricarde Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1PE were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company by the members and creditors on 7 January 2011. Further details contact: Julie Windiate, Tel: 01892 700200, Email: info@ccwrecoverysolutions.co.uk
Dated: 7 January 2011
Mark Newman and Vincent John Green, Joint Liquidators



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Irfan Erdogan of 68 New Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0AE has applied to Gravesham Borough Council for the variation of late night refreshment (Premises Licence) Monday to Sunday 11am – 6am for the premises of Rainbow Pizza & Kebab situated at 68 New Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0AE.
A register of licensing applications can be inspected at http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing or at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU Tel. 01474 337334 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to submit representations to my application must give notice in writing to the address shown above giving in detail the grounds of objection by 04/02/2011
The council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Hotel Du Vin, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells**
Applicant: **Mike Auld**
Name of Premises: **The Beacon, Tea Garden Lane, Tunbridge Wells**
Applicant: **John Cullen**

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Swan, 35 Swan Street, West Malling**
Applicant: **Mr Peter Cornwell**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER AT KENTISH FLATS OFFSHORE WIND FARM, NEAR WHITSTABLE AND HERNE BAY, KENT
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER ("DCO")

Notice is hereby given that Vattenfall Wind Power Limited (the "Applicant") of 10 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB proposes to apply to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (the "Commission") under section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned development consent order (the "Application").
The Application relates to the construction and operation of an extension to the existing 90 megawatt (MW) Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm, near Whitstable and Herne Bay in Kent (the "Project").
The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- Construction and operation of up to 17 additional turbines to the south and west of the existing Kentish Flats turbine array. The extension would provide up to 51megwatts (MW) of additional capacity and cover a maximum area of 8 km^2 in water depths of approximately 5 metres. The turbines would have an expected rated capacity of around 3MW with a maximum tip height of around 145 metres. The turbines would be connected by subsea inter-array cables at a depth of around 0.5 to 1m and the foundations are likely to be steel monopiles driven about 30-40 metres into the seabed.
- Associated development comprising the installation of one or more export cables from the wind farm to the shore in the vicinity of Hampton Pier from where it is likely to follow the existing onshore cable route to the Red House Farm electricity substation. This route would take the cable along Hampton Pier Avenue turning west along Whitstable Road for approximately 150m before joining Westbrook Lane. The cabling would run along Westbrook Lane under the railway line before reaching the old Thanet Way. It would then join Thornden Close before running along Thornden Wood Road for approximately 200m to the Red House Farm electricity substation. The route is approximately 2km in length.
- Licences to authorise the installation of the turbines and cables on the seabed.
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development. Accordingly, the Applicant will be making preliminary environmental information available. A copy of the Preliminary Environmental Report with Non-Technical Summary, which includes details of the proposals, will be available from 31 January 2011 from the following sources:
www.vattenfall.co.uk/en/kentish-flats-extension.htm
Mandy Broughton, Kentish Flats Extension, Vattenfall Wind Power, 10 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB – There will be a charge of £5 for posted reports which will be provided as printed copies or on CD. The documents may also be viewed at:
Council offices

Canterbury City Council	Canterbury City Council	Canterbury City Council
Military Road	45 William Street	Harbour Office
Canterbury	Herne Bay	Whitstable Harbour
Kent, CT1 1YW	Kent, CT6 5NR	Kent, CT5 1AB

Opening hours for these offices are Monday – Friday 8:30am to 5pm.
The documents will be available until 4 March 2011. You can write to us with your comments to Mandy Broughton, Kentish Flats Extension, Vattenfall Wind Power, 10 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB or email mandy.broughton@vattenfall.com. The deadline for written responses to our pre-application consultation is 4 March 2011.

Licensing Act 2003
Notice of Applicatipn for Grant, Variation of a Premises Licence.

Notice is hereby given that Andrew Forrest and Valerie Hobbs have applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the grant, variation of a premises licence in respect of premises known as The Vigo Inn Gravesend Road Fairseat Kent TN15 7JL.The application seeks the license in respect of the following, The sale of alcohol The provision of regulated entertainment The provision of late night entertainment. Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (licinsing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill,West Malling during normal office hours.Any representation from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the council by 07/02/11. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Sudha Patel**

Of **156 High Street Gillingham Kent ME7 1AJ**

Has applied to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock road Chatham Kent ME4 4TR for the VARIATION of an off license application

Hours for sale of alcohol: Monday to Sunday 6am until 11pm

For the premises **Jerry News**

Situated at: **156 High Street Gillingham Kent ME7 1AJ**

Interested parties can make written representations to Medway Council Gun Wharf Dock Road Chatham ME4 4TR or view my application by contacting the Council on 01634 337 107 or 01634 337 108 by **11th February 2011**

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with a Licence Application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is £5,000.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Little Hermitage, Gravesend Road, Higham**

Applicant: **Mrs Geraldine Cox**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/04145/LBC **Scribbins Walkhurst Road, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing single storey building to rear and erection of two storey rear extension. Replacement porch. Demolition of existing garage and change of use of land to locate the new garage and access (LB)

10/04146/HOUSE **Hodges Oast Dundle Road, Brenchley**
- Alteration to existing cat-slide roof to form pitched roof to match adjacent granary (LB)

10/04131/HOUSE **Hancocks Farm House Tilsden Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Replacement building to provide pool plant, changing facilities, garage/store to ground floor, recreational accommodation and kitchen to first floor (LB)

11/00032/HOUSE **Bettenham Manor Bettenham Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Construction of an all weather surface tennis/ball court and enclosure (LB)

11/00024/FUL **21 - 23 Church Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Extension of Time - Change of use from offices to two residential units (TW/08/00060/FUL refers) (CA) (LB)

11/00025/LBC **21 - 23 Church Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Extension of Time - Listed Building Consent - Change of use from offices to two residential units (TW/08/00062/LBC refers) (LB)

10/04126/HOUSE **Lidwells House North Road, Goudhurst**
- Erection of two-storey side extension (re-instatement of a range on the site of a pre-existing demolished Victorian range), the removal of modern internal stud partition walls and the replacement of two windows with doors in the west elevation (LB)

10/04129/LBC **Lidwells House North Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Erection of two-storey side extension (re-instatement of a range on the site of a pre-existing demolished Victorian range), the removal of modern internal stud partition walls and the replacement of two windows with doors in the west elevation (LB)

11/00026/HOUSE **Whites Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Three-bay cart shed garage (CA) (LB)

11/00041/FUL **Barn Little Bewlbridge Farm, Goudhurst**
- Extension of time - Barn and stable conversion into two new dwellings including garage and carport (TW07/03703 refers) (LB)

11/00003/FULMJ **Hawkhurst Castle Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst**
- Extension of Time - Demolition of existing building, and the erection of a C2 elderly person care home with 65 beds and 11 C2 assisted living cottages for the over 60s and realignment of the Heartenoak Road (TW/08/01622/FULMJ refers) (MAJOR)

11/00009/HOUSE **2 Pixhall Cottages High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Single storey ground floor rear extension and first floor rear extension; Attic conversion; Internal alterations, including repositioning of staircase (LB)

11/00012/LBC **2 Pixhall Cottages High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Single storey ground floor rear extension and first floor rear extension; Attic conversion; Internal alterations, including repositioning of staircase (LB)

10/03995/FUL **The Swan At The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Single storey rear extension associated internal works (CA) (LB)

10/04001/LBC **The Swan At The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear extension associated internal works (LB)

10/04164/LBC **5 Coggers Cottages The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Flood protection (LB)

11/00035/LBC **Victoria House High Street, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Flood protection measures (LB)

11/00047/LBC **Arnold House High Street, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Flood protection measures (LB)

10/04119/TELN5 **Land Outside 2 Carlton Road, Park**
- Telecommunication Notification - installation of new green coloured replacement cabinet shell (CA)

11/00001/FULMJ **Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Pembury Hospital, Pembury**
- Extension/enlargement of 2 car parks approved under application TW/07/2595/FULMJ to provide 100 extra car parking spaces (LB) (MAJOR)

11/00013/LBC **Flat 3 Bentham Hill House, Southborough North**
- Listed Building Consent - Removal of internal timber partition wall (non-load bearing) (LB)

11/00029/FUL **Sheffield Hall Sheffield Road, Southborough North**
- Conversion of disused former office building into 3 apartments (CA)

11/00042/HOUSE 61 St James Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, St James
- Small dormer to north facing roof slope of rear roof structure (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 22 January 2011

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Highways – District of Sevenoaks

(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (PROHIBITION OF PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 47, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

This Order is necessary for safety reasons, and will make stopping on the "School Keep Clear" zig-zag markings on the following lengths or road from Mondays to Fridays from 8.30am to 9.30am and from 3.00pm to 4.00pm during school term times an infringement which may be dealt with by the issue of a penalty charge notice.

The location is-

A225 High Street, Eynsford, Sevenoaks on the north western side between the following distances from the junction with Mill Lane;

i. from a point in line with the south western boundary of property Ashprington for a distance of 28 metres in a south westerly direction;
ii. between points 86 metres and 118 metres south west of a point in line with property Ashprington.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sevenoaks Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent Highway Services, St Lawrence House, 48A West Hill, Dartford and Sessions House County Hall, Maidstone, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, , St Lawrence House, 48A West Hill, Dartford DA1 2EU by noon on Monday 14 February 2011.

Highways – District of Shepway

(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

This Order is necessary for safety reasons, and will make stopping on the "School Keep Clear" zig-zag markings on the following lengths or road from Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 5.00pm during school term times an infringement may be dealt with by the issue of a penalty charge notice.

The locations are-

High Street - Brookland	Church Road - Folkestone
Countryfields - Dymchurch	New Road - Elham
Park Farm Road – Folkestone	Baldwin Road – Greatstone
Mill Lane – Hawkinge	Queens Road – Lydd
Skinner Road – Lydd	Bossingham Road – Stelling Minnis
Stowting Hill – Stowting	Claythorne Lane – New Romney
Horn Street – Folkestone	Church Road – Lyminge
Octavian Drive – Lympne	School Road – Saltwood
Main Road – Sellinge	Haven Drive - Hawking

In Lucy Avenue, Folkestone the hours of operation for the school keep clear markings will be from Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 6.00pm during school term times.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm, at Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford and at Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Highway Services, Transport and Development, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on 14 February 2011.

RECTORY LANE, BROOKLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is given that because of works to carry out tree-cutting and aerial cabling, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rectory Lane, Brookland, on or after 9 February 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Oldhouse Lane and King Street.

The alternative route is via Oldhouse Lane, Carter Lane and King Street.

The road will be closed between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day and re-opened outside these hours.

Highways – District of Thanet

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 (ZEBRA CROSSING – A225 HIGH STREET, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS)

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, propose to establish a crossing (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all their enabling powers, as follows:

A225 HIGH STREET, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS

178 metres south west of the junction with Mill Lane.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

(EAST MALLING PARKING PLAN – IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 4) ORDER, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL** acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 & 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, proposes to make the above Order.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce The East Malling Parking Plan to improve access, safety and balance parking availability, as follows:

1. A Residents Preferential Parking scheme is proposed for the following roads: **Chapel Street, Church Walk, High Street,** eastern end of **Mill Street** and the **Access Road to The Village Car Park**, With parking restricted to marked, designated on-street parking bays where road width, junctions and access points allow, with a limit of 4 hours (no return 2 hours) between 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday. Qualifying permit holders to be exempt from these restrictions.
2. It is proposed to install restrictions in the lay-by in **Twisden Road** to assist with customer parking with parking limited to 1 hour (no return 1 hour) between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.
3. Advisory roadside parking areas without waiting restrictions are proposed at the southern end of **Middle Mill Road** and the western end of **Mill Street**, where road width, junctions and access points allow to reduce obstruction and improve access for through traffic and public transport services.
4. An additional Disabled Persons Parking Bay is proposed in **Church Walk** and in the **Access Road** to The Village Car Park.
5. It is proposed to reduce the operating times of existing day-time waiting restrictions (single yellow lines) in The **Rocks Road** to prohibit parking between 10am to 10.30am Monday to Friday and extend this restriction towards the junction of **Gilletts Lane**. The same day-time restrictions are proposed for the full length of **Rocks Close**. These restrictions are proposed as a minimum measure to prevent long-term parking near East Malling Train Station.
6. It is proposed to introduce no waiting "At Any Time" (double yellow lines) in specific locations where it is necessary to reinforce the rules of the Highway Code and prevent parking in unsuitable places - **The Access Road to The Village Car Park, Beech Road, Busbridge Close, Carnation Close, Carnation Crescent, Chapman Way, Chapel Street, Columbine Road, Cottenham Close, Elm Crescent, High Street, Jasmine Road, Larkspur Road, Lavender Road, Lilac Green, Lime Crescent, Mill Street, Middle Mill Road, New Road, Rocks Road, Stickens Lane, The Grange, The Rocks Road, Twisden Road and Wateringbury Road.**
7. It is proposed to amend the layout of the 'School Keep Clear' restrictions in **Chapman Way** to protect the revised vehicular and pedestrian accesses arrangements to St James the Great Primary School and The Childrens Centre. This is to support the aims of the School Travel Plan to improve safety for vulnerable child pedestrians. No change is proposed to the operating times of the existing restrictions.

The Order sets the cost of a residents parking permit at £30 per annum (£120 for business permits) which includes a card of 10 visitors vouchers. Additional visitors vouchers are set at the cost of £10 for a card of 10 visitors vouchers.

The Order will contain the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

A copy of the Order together with a map, a copy of the Councils reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, Tonbridge Castle Gateway Centre, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall Maidstone and East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council Offices, Church Farm, New Hythe Lane, Larkfield

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please telephone **01732 876222** during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to support or object to the Order should write to the Director of Planning, Transportation and Leisure, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by not later than **12 Noon on Monday, 14th February, 2011.**

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Parking Action Plan

The East Malling Parking Plan is a community built project developed through consultation with local people

KATHERINE KERSWELL, Group Managing Director
Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone,
Kent ME14 2XQ

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Jag's roaring success

By **STEVE LOADER**

ENGLAND'S cricketing success in The Ashes series is just one reason to be cheerful at Jaguar.

Since the classic British sporting marque began a four-year sponsorship of the rejuvenated team last summer – all England players now drive a Jag – it has also scored several other boundaries.

Its flagship XJ model has taken leadership of the director-level segment of the market against tough opposition such as the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and BMW 7-Series, despite only arriving on the market in May.

Sales of the XK sports coupe and convertible also leapt 15 per cent in 2010 – double the rate of growth in its sector and in tough times.

And Jaguar's best-selling XF middleweight model has just enjoyed another record year of sales – up 25 per cent. It has now set sales records three years on the trot.

This has been helped by an astonishing record in awards around the world; it now has more than 80, including confirmation this week of a fourth consecutive win as 'Best Executive Car' at the annual What Car? Awards.



NEW BOUNDARIES: England cricket team sponsorship deal has coincided with a surge in sales for Jaguar's line-up (XJ main picture)

What Car? editor-in-chief Steve Fowler said: "We love everything about the XF: it looks fantastic, drives brilliantly and makes real financial sense, too."

Reviewing a great year for his brand, Jaguar MD Geoff Cousins said the key to success was desirable new models, competitive offers and a big-hitting TV advertising campaign for the XF and XJ, all helping to drive retail sales.

But, he added: "We have also undertaken some incredibly successful partnerships in 2010, most notably with the ECB and the Ashes-winning cricket team.

"Since we started our association with the team they have been on a winning streak and the response from dealers and customers has been incredibly positive. We look forward to welcoming them home."

Pricing for the Jaguar XF now starts at £31,900 for the 3.0-litre diesel, while the XK starts at £63,900 and the XJ, from £55,500.

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NEARLY NEW 2010 60 59 09 REG CARS

2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles £19,995
2010 (59) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1500 miles £14,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI 7D MPV AUTO, BLACK, 750 miles £13,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1000 miles £15,995
2010 (59) NISSAN CUBE KAZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 1000 miles £12,995
2010 (59) FORD FOCUS TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles £13,995
2010 (10) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles £13,995
2010 (10) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA 5DR AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1500 miles £11,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £11,495
2010 (10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 1.6I MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1500 miles £16,995
2009 (59) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £10,995
2010 (10) FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1000 miles £14,995
2010 (59) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, METAR BLEU, 750 miles £14,995
2010 (10) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1500 miles £9,995
2010 (10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £9,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles £9,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV 5D 5DR HATCH AUTO, OCELE, 6000 miles £9,995
2009 (59) SUZUKI SWIFT SLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 465 miles £9,495
2009 (59) NISSAN NOTE VIBIA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles £9,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £9,995
2010 (10) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 500 miles £7,995
2010 (10) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £7,495

CONVERTIBLES CABRIOLETS

2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles £26,000
2009 (58) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 11000 miles £9,995
2009 (58) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE MFD, SILVER, 9000 miles £6,995
2006 (55) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles £7,995
2005 (55) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT COUPE CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 38000 miles £6,995

FIESTA

2009 (09) FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) FORD FIESTA ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, MAGNETIC/PURPLE/VIOLET, 3000 miles £6,495
2006 (56) FORD FIESTA ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO 70MC BLUE, 1501 miles, per daily rate 200 miles free mile £5,995

FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

2010 (59) FORD FOCUS TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles £13,995
2009 (59) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £10,995
2009 (59) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles £9,995
2009 (59) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, 6000S, 9000 miles £8,995
2006 (57) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVE, 7700 miles £7,995
2006 (56) FORD FOCUS SMA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPIRIT, 37000 miles £6,495
2003 (53) FORD FOCUS SMA 5DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 44000 miles £3,995

RENAULT SCENIC

2010 (59) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £14,995
2007 (57) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 130 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 130 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles £8,995
2008 (57) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLACK, 70000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, RED, 15000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 18000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 26000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles £7,995
2006 (57) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 16000 miles £6,995
2006 (56) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 18000 miles £6,495
2004 (54) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLACK, 37000 miles £5,495

RENAULT

2007 (57) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GOLD, 13000 miles £10,995
2010 (10) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1500 miles £8,995
2010 (10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, CITYGREEN BLUE, 1500 miles £9,995
2009 (59) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 11000 miles £9,995
2009 (58) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles £8,995
2009 (58) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 130 7STR MPV AUTO, GREEN, 12000 miles £8,995
2008 (58) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 16V CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles £7,995
2008 (58) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 1500 miles £7,995
2008 (58) RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 750 miles £6,995
2008 (58) RENAULT LAGUNA EXPRESSION SPORT TOURER 16V ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 9000 miles £6,995
2005 (55) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT COUPE CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 38000 miles £6,995
2010 (10) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 19000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £5,995
2007 (57) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 15000 miles £5,995
2005 (55) RENAULT MODUS PRIVILEGE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 38000 miles £4,995
2005 (55) RENAULT MANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREEN, 55000 miles £3,995

CHEVROLET

2008 (58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 900 miles £6,995
2009 (59) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles £5,995
2008 (57) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 16000 miles £5,495
2006 (56) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles £4,995
2007 (57) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles £4,995
2007 (57) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 miles £4,495
2007 (57) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 miles £4,495
2007 (57) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 28000 miles £4,495

HYUNDAI

2010 (10) HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 900 miles £9,495
2007 (56) HYUNDAI COUPE SE COUPE AUTO, RED, 4000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI MATRIX COMFORT MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles £7,495
2008 (58) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 9000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) HYUNDAI ACCENT ATLANTIC LIMITED EDITION 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 26000 miles £5,995
2008 (58) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles £5,995
2007 (57) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI SALOON AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles £5,995
2007 (57) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £5,495
2008 (58) HYUNDAI GETZ 3DR 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £5,995

KIA

2007 (57) KIA RIO ICE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £5,995

DAIHATSU

2004 (04) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVE, 10000 miles £7,995
2004 (04) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLEU, 9000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £7,495
2007 (57) DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles £6,995
2001 (01) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £3,995

BMW

2007 (57) BMW 3 SERIES 320D SE TD SALOON AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 19000 miles £14,995
2004 (04) BMW 3 SERIES 318TI ES 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 miles £5,995

FIAT

2007 (08) FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 miles £6,995

FUSION

2010 (10) FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1000 miles £13,995
2010 (10) FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £9,995
2003 (03) FORD FUSION FUSION - 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles £7,995
2009 (09) FORD FUSION FUSION - 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles £6,995
2007 (07) FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 miles £5,995

CITROEN

2008 (58) CITROEN C4 SE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) CITROEN C3 SE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHROLO RED, 13000 miles £5,995

MONDEO

2004 (04) FORD MONDEO LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 34000 miles £5,995

CORSA

2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1500 miles £11,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 9000 miles £9,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £9,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 700 miles £9,995
2009 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles £8,995
2009 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles £8,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 20000 miles £8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 15000 miles £7,995
2006 (57) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £6,995
2006 (56) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £6,495
2003 (53) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB 16V SAMYRNIC 5DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 37000 miles £2,995

MAZDA

2008 (58) MAZDA 2 2 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) MAZDA 2 2 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles £8,995
2006 (56) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 37000 miles £7,995
2003 (53) MAZDA 2 2 CAMELLIA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000 miles £6,995
2007 (56) MAZDA 2 2 5 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17500 miles £5,995

SUZUKI

2008 (8) SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 16V ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLUE, 13000 miles £12,995
2008 (58) SUZUKI SWIFT GLS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 400 miles £8,995
2008 (58) SUZUKI SWIFT GLS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles £8,995

TOYOTA

2007 (57) TOYOTA RAV-4 XT3 VVTi ESTATE AUTO 4x4, GREY, 90000 miles £12,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA COROLLA VERSO T3 VVTi MPV AUTO, RED, 25000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA AVENSIS T3-X VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 19000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £9,995
2007 (56) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, RIDON BLUE, 19000 miles £7,995
2008 (58) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, NEBETIAN SILVER, 10000 miles £7,995
2005 (54) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T SPIRIT VVTi MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 miles £7,495
2002 (02) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles £7,995
2004 (54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £6,995
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 6000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles £6,995
2004 (54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1750 miles £6,995
2008 (58) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVTi MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 33000 miles £6,695
2004 (54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 6000 miles £5,295
2004 (54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTi 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 37000 miles £5,695
2007 (57) TOYOTA AYGO VVTi 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £5,695

NISSAN

2010 (60) NISSAN CUBE NAZORA 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 1000 miles £12,995
2010 (10) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1000 miles £11,500
2007 (07) NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO, URBAN SILVER, 21000 miles £10,995
2009 (59) NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, WHITE, 5000 miles £8,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles £8,995
2005 (55) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 7000 miles £6,995
2005 (55) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles £6,695
2010 (10) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 500 miles £7,995
2008 (58) NISSAN MICRA 25 ANNIVERSARY 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles £7,995
2008 (58) NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, EMPEROR RED, 19000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA SPRINTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles £6,995
2006 (56) NISSAN MICRA SPRINTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £6,695
2005 (55) NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles £4,995
2004 (54) NISSAN MICRA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ARUBA BLUE, 18000 miles £4,695

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2010 (10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1000 miles £13,995
2010 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 1.6I EA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £12,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 1.6I EA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £9,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 1.6I EA 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 miles £6,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £8,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 1.6I EA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 37000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles £6,995

ASTRA ESTATES

2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, SILVER, 10000 miles £6,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles £6,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles £6,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2009 (59) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI 7D MPV AUTO, BLACK, 750 miles £13,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI 7D MPV AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles £13,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £10,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £9,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANACOTTA, 4000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, TURQUOISE, 12000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 9000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles £7,495
2005 (55) VAUXHALL AGILA CLUB MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £7,495
2007 (57) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 19000 miles £6,995
2006 (56) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles £5,995
2004 (54) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 19000 miles £5,995

CHRYSLER

2007 (57) CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LIMITED 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £6,495

PEUGEOT

2010 (59) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, METAR BLEU, 750 miles £16,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 207 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE MFD, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £9,995
2010 (10) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles £9,995
2009 (59) PEUGEOT 207 98i SE ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £7,995
2010 (10) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £7,495
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles £6,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 207 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 17000 miles £6,695
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 3-TRONIC 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles £6,495

MITSUBISHI

2007 (57) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles £6,995

HONDA

2007 (07) HONDA CR-V i-VTEC EX 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 24000 miles £17,995
2007 (57) HONDA CR-V i-VTEC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 15000 miles £15,995
2007 (57) HONDA CR-V i-VTEC SPORT ESTATE AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 22000 miles £15,995
2006 (56) HONDA CR-V i-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 30000 miles £11,995
2008 (58) HONDA JAZZ CSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles £10,995
2008 (58) HONDA JAZZ CSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles £10,995
2008 (58) HONDA JAZZ CSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles £10,495
2007 (57) HONDA JAZZ CSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 6000 miles £9,995
2005 (54) HONDA JAZZ CSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 37000 miles £5,995

MERCEDES

2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles £26,000
2007 (07) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles £13,995
2006 (56) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles £10,995
2006 (56) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 45000 miles £10,995
2006 (56) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE LND 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £10,995
2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £9,995
2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £9,995
2003 (03) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A140 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 60000 miles £4,995

VOLKSWAGEN

2010 (10) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles £13,995
2008 (57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 110 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles £11,995
2008 (58) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles £9,995
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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



Secret success of Mazda MPV

MAZDA'S revitalised MPV, the Mazda5, has been described as the 'best kept secret' in its sector by motor trade valuation service CAP.

The seven-seater arrived in showrooms last autumn and is now starting to filter into the used car market where CAP's market watchers have rated its residual values above that of established rivals, including the Citroen C4 Grand Picasso, Ford Grand C-Max, Peugeot 5008, Renault Grand Scenic and Vauxhall Zafira.

The Mazda's styling is distinctive, with a wave motif worked into the flanks; love it or hate it, the device does enable the car to stand out in a sector where the basic single box MPV design has a tendency to make models look alike.

This boost to the Mazda's sales appeal coincides with the arrival of a 115PS (113bhp) 1.6-litre diesel option, complementing the 1.8 and 2.0-litre petrol engines offered at launch.

The new version costs £20,650 in TS2 form and £21,950 in Sport trim and a low emission level of 138g/km makes it attractive to tax conscious company car drivers.

Dartford-based Mazda UK's fleet chief Peter Allibon said: "Once again, the experts are forecasting strong residual value and competitive whole life cost figures for another Mazda model. Added to a CO2 figure of below 140g/km we anticipate the new 1.6D will prove popular with fleet operators and company car drivers."

Glitzy but brawny Landie special



IF YOU thought Land Rover's brawny Defender was above wearing limited edition trappings, think again.

Because the 4x4 icon is due to appear from March in eye-catching X-Tech guise: silver exterior with black roof and wheel arches, 'Ebony' interior with leather side bolsters to the seats, and distinctive 16-inch 'Saw Tooth' alloys

The Defender's renowned all-terrain ability also comes as standard in a package costing £24,995

This special version is based on the 90 Hard Top Commercial derivative, with a 2.4-litre diesel engine.

Double plus for 3008

PEUGEOT has added two new models to the 3008 range, which has just retained the 'Crossover of the Year' title at the annual What Car? awards.

The Peugeot, which is part MPV, part 4x4 lookalike and part family hatchback, gains an SR and ENVY Special Edition in addition to the Active, Sport and Exclusive launch options.

The SR (from £20,645) is based on the Sport model, but gains colour sat nav, Bluetooth, and Grip Control with 16-inch alloys with mud and snow tyres – Grip Control allows the front-driven 3008 to deliver traction on a par with a similar all-wheel drive car.

The ENVY (from £18,895) is also based on the Sport, but has been given an exclusive extra spec including rear privacy glass, aluminium exterior highlights, 'head-up' display and panoramic glass roof.



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Platoon training under way

by STEVELOADER



THEY say be careful what you wish for.

So I've only got myself to blame after joking in print about cars so dull to drive that you feel like putting your feet up, reading the paper and having a cup of tea, since that's exactly what we may be able to do on motorways within a decade.

It would be enabled by a development known as 'Platooning' – the objective of an EU-funded project called SARTRE (Safe Road Trains for the Environment).

The idea is that cars will be able to join an automatically-controlled convoy of other vehicles headed by a professional driver, allowing the following drivers to have a cuppa, read or presumably snooze even.

Meanwhile, each car is guided by the lead vehicle, with a narrow gap between cars to relieve traffic congestion. The system would also reduce fuel consumption and emissions, yet individual cars can leave the procession at any time.

The road train would also require no modification to the roads used and could integrate safely with non-train vehicles.

Science fiction? No. A working prototype has just been demonstrated by Volvo, one of the partners in a three-year European project headed by a British firm, Ricardo UK.

Tom Robinson, project co-ordinator for SARTRE said: "Platooning offers the prospect of improved road safety, better road space utilisation, improved driver comfort on long journeys and reduced fuel consumption and hence CO2 emissions."

The system could also be a major safety aid; statistics show human error causes at least 80 percent of road accidents.

But while the technology could soon be ready, road users in 25 EU countries may be less prepared to hand over control.

Time for another cuppa then, and some serious thinking.

Focus in March

FORD has confirmed that its all-new Ford Focus will be in showrooms for March, priced from £15,995.

It will be available initially in sporty five-door hatchback and suave five-door estate formats that bode well for a racy coupe style three-door model at a later date.

It distances this new car from the fairly humdrum styling of the second generation Focus too.

As a model that Ford will market around the world, the new Focus will also feature a range of advanced technologies, plus the more efficient, low-CO2 powertrains required by buyers and legislation.

These will include the new 1.6-litre Ford EcoBoost turbocharged petrol engine as well as updated versions of the marque's 1.6- and 2.0-litre diesels.



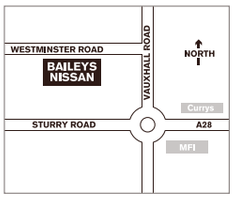
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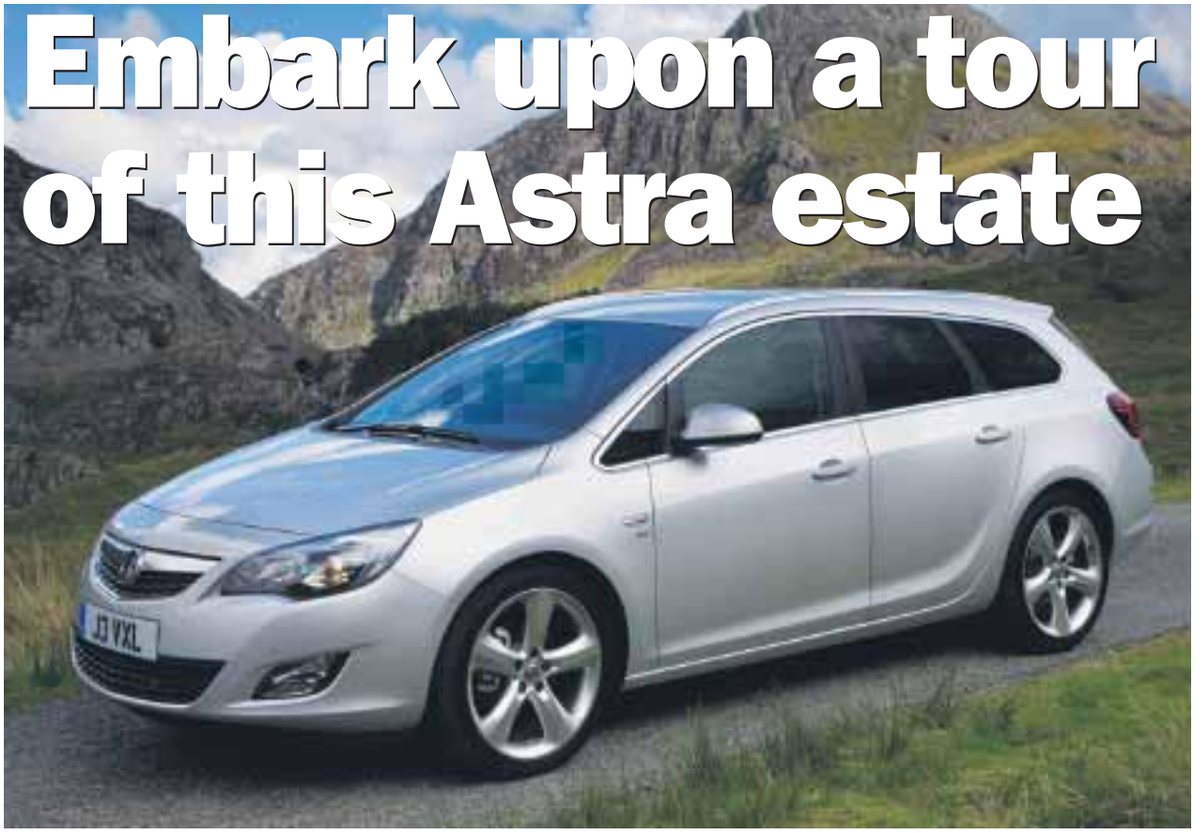


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Vauxhall Astra 1.7CDTi Ecoflex

Embark upon a tour of this Astra estate



REMEMBER the good old days when an estate car was an estate car?

Unfortunately though, instead of suggesting that the car was part and parcel of some large and affluent rural establishment, the term 'estate car' came to imply that parts and parcels were all it carried, as a workhorse of tradesmen and sales reps.

So, in a bid to revive its status, manufacturers began applying new words and styles to revitalise this traditional sector.

The Germans started it – let's have no more recriminations – when BMW dubbed its estate models with the term 'Touring', and Audi went further with 'Avant', both creating a rural/sporty lifestyle image that attracted new buyers

The word 'Tourer' also became popular and Vauxhall has applied the label Sports Tourer to its latest Astra estate model and, to be fair, it rests well on it.

The previous 2004-vintage Astra load lugger really was a tradesman/rep estate car; it was capacious, being based on the stretched Astravan platform, but ordinary looking and never likely to capture the lifestyle buyer.

Not an accusation that can be levelled at its more exotically named 2010 successor.

This is a class act, like the five-door hatchback from which it is derived, being good to look at, drive and be in and more than justifying the cocky label.

In fact, it's in a class of its own for now; I have put the Ford Focus down in the fact file as its most obvious estate rival, but it's plain to look at and eking out its last few days before replacement by an all-new model.

Closest in style to the Astra currently is Renault's Megane Sport Tourer, which looks racy but cannot match the Vauxhall for a level of class or quality that even nibbles at Audi A3 Sportback premium territory – yup,

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that's another estate car by another name.

To further scare the Astra Sports Tourer's outclassed rivals, there is also an efficient environmentally friendly Ecoflex version, as tested here.

The 125PS (123bhp) 1.7-litre diesel doesn't ask for any sacrifices to go green; it is lively, fun to drive and refined, and should average around 60mpg, while also costing just £30 a year in road tax after a freebie in year one.

And it handles well while delivering a decent ride, thanks to the Astra's much trumpeted Watts linkage rear suspension set-up that keeps the car taut on corners, without the need for teeth-shattering shock absorption.

Admittedly, the Ecoflex is not cheap at more than 22 grand, but list prices are there to be ignored, especially in the current climate.

Strike the right deal and the Astra will more than repay your faith. You can't even criticise the badge as too mainstream; Vauxhall has been moving upmarket over the past few years as General Motors seeks to pitch Chevrolet as its value brand.

Vauxhall design inside and out has also improved out of all recognition, with the bigger Insignia winning the 2009 European Car of the Year gong and the Astra and Meriva MPV narrowly pipped to the same title for 2010 and 2011 respectively.

Vauxhall, of course, has banged on lots about how it re-thought and applied its branded Flex treatment to the latest and airiest Astra cabin, but you need time with the car to appreciate how well it all works.

Not surprisingly, the extra functionality of the Tourer is also a huge bonus literally, especially as the slinky profile does nothing to affect the car's practicality – this Astra load-lugger is actually one of the most crammable in its class, but for the rather more functional Kia Ceed SW.

DrivingPortfolio

VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 CDTi ECOFLEX £22,005

Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★★
Image	★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★★★
Road tax	£30/year (zero in year one)
Best rival	Ford Focus Estate

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: unrealistic list prices

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BRAVO, T-Jet Active, 2010, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 2772 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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DOBLO, 1.4 Active, 2010, abs brakes cd player immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, blue, 50 miles, £9495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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PINNING career hopes on a degree isn't always the best course. Big Interview subject Matt Sankey, who has taken on and expanded the family business in Tunbridge Wells, hated school until he went to a comprehensive and learned the skills that have stood him in such good stead. Vocational or in-job training may now be a better way to get on…

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Chamber's cash crash threatens to descend into 'Thamesgate' row

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TROUBLED WATERS: Former chief executive Tracey Manley, left, is in dispute with the Thames Gateway (Kent) Chamber of Commerce after her October departure. Jo James, right, of Kent Invicta, described the Gateway chamber's collapse as "very sad"

BOARD members are winding up Thames Gateway (Kent) Chamber of Commerce after its finances crashed over Christmas and New Year.

But the demise of the North Kent chamber now threatens to turn into a bitter row between the defunct chamber's board and the former chief executive Tracey Manley – a dispute sure to be dubbed 'Thamesgate'.

Manley has worked for the chamber and its forebears for 20 years, but claims she was forced out in October. She is now pursuing an employment tribunal case alleging wrongful and unfair dismissal as well as disability discrimination – she had been signed off work due to anxiety and depression.

Statement

But the chamber, which has offices at the Medway City Estate in Rochester and covers the area from Dartford to Swale, insists that its chief executive resigned her post.

Thames Gateway's final management board – elected a year ago – has posted a lengthy statement on the chamber's website highlighting its concerns about the organisation's financial position: "At the beginning of October the chief executive resigned as a director and employee of the Chamber. Since that date the board have worked tirelessly in an attempt to reach serviceable agreements with all known creditors… and work with staff many of whom have been disenchanted and disillusioned for some time and in trying to ensure the Chamber continued to provide benefit to its members and customers."

However, the statement admitted that income from export services faltered in late 2010 due to poor weather, which was then exacerbated by an alleged shortfall in membership numbers, which also impacted on income and left no option but to seek to wind-up the chamber last week.

Members have been recommended to seek help and advice from neighbouring chambers, notably the Channel Chamber covering east Kent, and and the county's biggest chamber Kent Invicta, which stretches from Canterbury, through Ashford and to Maidstone.

Kent Invicta chief executive Jo James told Business Week the collapse of the chamber – which has its origins in the 1890s – was "very sad".

While unable to comment on the circumstances of Thames Gateway's crash, she added that it was important that her chamber – in concert with its parent, the British Chambers of Commerce – ensure that disenfranchised members of Thames Gateway should have access to all the usual services they expected.

"Kent Invicta has made it clear to Thames Gateway members that it will honour the subscriptions and provide the services they would have enjoyed until the end of the membership," she said.

"Of course we would hope they renew with us, but I just want to ensure that businesses in this area are not left high and dry at a difficult time."

On the question of the export documentation and processing, in which Thames Gateway was the dominant player among Kent chambers, she said Kent Invicta had invested in two additional staff to cope with demand.

Asked whether she would then actively seek to absorb the Thames Gateway area, she said Kent had suffered a history of chamber collapses over the years and she would not rush to step in until she knew exactly why Thames Gateway had failed.

Salvaged

Tracey Manley has said she was unhappy with the statement issued by her former employer and countered with her own.

This included: "Everyone who knows me or has worked with me over the past 20 years knows that I was 100 per cent committed to my job with the Chamber. It was my life.

"Despite all that has happened to me personally, I remain very committed to the Chamber, its members and my former colleagues and hope that some way can be found for the Chamber can be salvaged and continue to provide the excellent support and services it has to members over so very many years."

Armour secures funding protection

ONE of the UK's biggest consumer electronics groups is committed to defying the economic downturn after agreeing a multi-million-pound credit line with GE Capital.

The £18 million overdraft will allow Armour Group, which has its headquarters at Tunbridge Wells, to press on with expansion plans in its home and in-car communications and entertainment markets. It expects to spend more than £80m over the coming year.

Armour employs more than 300 people across eight operating sites in the UK, Sweden and Hong Kong. Major customers in the vehicle industry include Bentley, Hyundai, Scania Trucks, and Case New Holland tractors.

It also deals with retailing giants such as Halfords, Currys and PC World, Carphone Warehouse, Marks & Spencer, Comet, Argos, Tesco and John Lewis, yet Armour is probably all but unknown to most consumers as so much of its business is in supplying equipment to fit into others' products. Its best known brand is an enduring name in in-car audio: Radiomobile. Group CEO George Dexter said: "Despite difficult market conditions we continue to focus on ambitious growth plans. We appreciate that the funding provided by GE Capital presents us with the opportunity to remain attractive to our customers and to maintain our competitive advantage."

Alan Austin, GE Capital regional director, said: "We are very pleased be working with this highly professional management team who are seeking to take advantage of exciting growth opportunities in what remains a challenging environment."

Comment

WE MAY be reading the last chapter on British Bookshops and Stationers, aka Sussex Stationers (see story opposite). During the current downturn, its formula – tidy but not flashy stores offering discounted books, stationery and greetings cards – should have fitted the shopper's bill, despite internet and supermarket competition.

But circumstances rather than the business model look like being the problem. One of those was undoubtedly an act of God: snowfall before Christmas, which wiped out the festive shopping windfall so crucial to many stores.

The other was cashflow. There can be many reasons for this, but a big clue here may be the sale of BBS to a private equity firm in 2009. Official interest rates may be low at present, but the county's business community know how hard it is to borrow cash on sensible terms, if at all.

The buyers of BBS took over a business that had expanded before the recession, yet just reported an annual loss of nearly £2 million. They probably hoped – in classic private equity style – to oversee a cost-cutting regime to both turn it around and turn a profit quickly and stay one step ahead of interest on money borrowed to fund their enterprise.

At the time, they may even have been encouraged by the crash of another big player in High Street bookstores, Borders, following an ill-fated private equity buyout. "More elbow room for us," they may have thought.

Unfortunately, they reckoned without a sluggish recovery on the High Street – and the pre-Christmas snow.

It is shaping up to be a familiar story. BBS could yet escape closure, but there will be other high street casualties to come that expanded on cheap borrowing and consumer abandon before the recession. They may have survived so far on increasingly expensive refinancing, but a day of reckoning looms.

Bigger potential victims are out there, too. Just months ago we reported fears for Kentish success story, Saga – the insurance and travel firm for the over-50s.

Still fabulously profitable in itself, the firm has to cope with massive interest payments on debt acquired by refinancing in 2007 to merge it with the AA within a private equity parent, Acromas. And there are many more cases like this, big and small.

BUSINESS EDITOR STEVE LOADER

Pedal to the legal metal in race to complete deal

LAW firm CooperBurnett claimed a coup after overcoming tight deadlines in the sale of Marden-based car parts supplier Automotive Distributors Ltd (ADL) to rival German group Ferdinand Bilstein.

"We first had contact with the purchaser's solicitors on December 17 and the deal closed on January 4, so the timescales were extremely tight, particularly considering that the final days of the deal took place over Christmas and the New Year," said CooperBurnett partner Victoria Sampson, who also headed the team handling the deal.

The deal for ADL also included the company's subsidiaries in Spain and Italy, and all rights to the Kent company's Blue Print parts brand.

ADL's board and management team remain in place, with the exception of Mark Hookway and outgoing chairman Chris Jeffries, who retires after leading ADL for more than 22 years.

As part of the Bilstein group, ADL will focus on developing Blue Print as an international specialist for Japanese, Korean and American car parts.

"We were delighted with the advice CooperBurnett provided and how quickly they reacted," said ADL's MD Daren Ambrose. "This is a very positive move for the future of ADL and gives us access to resources to provide both long-term security for our workforce [of 200] and the opportunity to truly internationalise the Blue Print brand."



POLE POSITION: Blue Print brand was part of the deal

Bilstein MD Karsten Schüßler-Bilstein, said the combined group would "Have the expertise, information and manufacturing links to provide the parts aftermarket worldwide with a truly complete, independent solution for all makes and models of vehicle."

New face boosts anniversary team



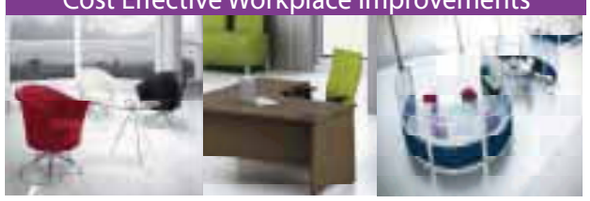
FROM LEFT: Richard Theobald, Jonathan Rowe and Victoria Sampson

COOPERBURNETT has announced the promotion of Jonathan Rowe to partner, and recruitment of Richard Theobald to join its wills and probate team.

Jonathan joined CooperBurnett in June, 2008, from a practice in Bermuda and previously worked in London, and has a broad range of experience in all types of property transactions and issues. Richard qualified as a solicitor in September, 2009. The law firm is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and now has a team of 55, including 11 partners.

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Beware of building up to court battle

COSTLY and increasing numbers of building disputes are jeopardising businesses in challenging times, according to a Hadlow-based surveyor.

Richard Metcalfe, principal at Metcalfe Briggs Surveyors, said there could be several reasons for the trend, but added: "Clients will often dispute that work has been completed satisfactorily in the hope of paying less, while hard-pressed building contractors might be tempted to take measures to protect their margins."

However, he warned that both courses could be false economies, embroiling firms in costly and lengthy legal battles that could have been avoided by a formal tendering process and agreeing a detailed specification for work to be carried out.

Warring firms could also head off a legal wrangle by calling in firms like his to arrange mediation by a chartered building surveyor. "They will look at the original agreement and give an opinion as to whether what was agreed has been delivered and whether the quality of work justifies the amount of money being asked for," he said.

"It becomes almost a forensic examination and the resulting report will often persuade one of the parties in the dispute to back down."

If the dispute cannot be resolved without recourse to the courts, the surveyor's report can be turned into an expert witness statement.

"The law requires a commonsense solution to building disputes, so you will need professional advice to achieve that," said Richard.

"Employing the services of a chartered building surveyor at an early stage could save you a lot of money in the long run."



ADVICE: Richard Metcalfe

PLAYFOOT and Company has merged with Top 100 accountancy firm, Begbies Chettle Agar. The combined entity, Begbies Playfoot, retains the Playfoot offices in Stone Street, Cranbrook.

Playfoot's managing partner and founder Darrell Playfoot will also continue with the new-look firm. He said: "It has been our concern to identify a firm whose expertise and operating style will suit and be advantageous for the interests of our particular client base and we trust Begbies Chettle Agar will be that firm."

However, he relinquishes his role as managing partner to Daniel Valentine from the Begbies team. He will divide his time between Cranbrook and the firm's London office and pledged that Playfoot's management and staff would stay in place.

Ironically, Begbies used to have a Kent office but relinquished it in 1973. Playfoot and Co was founded in 1986.

A NEW networking group will be launched by the north Kent branch of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) in Medway at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham, from 7.30am to 9am on Thursday.

Staged in association with Help For Heroes, it is open to all businesses, FSB members and potential members, and will then be held at the same venue on every last Thursday of the month throughout 2011.

FSB branch chairman Neville Gaunt said the aim was to encourage local businesses to work and improve together as part of the FSB Keep Trade Local campaign. For more information, click on the website www.fsb.org.uk/FSBKentEvents

LAW firm associate Laura Small, of Cripps Harries Hall, has gained Resolution accredited specialist status in the area of children's law and financial provision on divorce.

Laura trained with Tunbridge Wells and London-based Cripps and has over five years' experience as a family solicitor.

She said: "As a committed Resolution member I approach all my cases in a non-confrontational manner, hopefully reducing the emotional and financial costs of divorce or separation."

Set up in 1999, the Resolution scheme is designed to help those facing family breakdown to find a specialist solicitor to handle their case in a conciliatory fashion.

To become accredited, solicitors undergo stringent examination to demonstrate their knowledge of the key areas.

Cripps is now one of just a few law firms in the South East with two Resolution accredited specialists.

BEEF and lamb producers across Kent have been invited to find out more about the work done by EBLEX, the organisation promoting the industry's quality standard mark.

The free event, at Ashford Market from 5.45pm to 9pm on Thursday, February 3, is intended to update on export markets for beef, lamb and offal, and on marketing, and there will be a butchery demonstration showing innovative meat cuts to maximise carcass value and versatility.

There will also be information on measures the sector can take to reduce its impact on climate change. To book a free place, email selma.todd@eblex.org.uk.

WEALDEN Business Group has presented a cheque for £800 to the Hospice in the Weald. The money was raised throughout last year by the group's weekly breakfasts at the Little Silver Country Hotel, Tenterden, and other events. The Pembury hospice's Amanda Wyatt accepted the cheque from business group chairman Mike Parmar, of Wave2 Communications.



RELAXED: Travelodge will open a new hotel in Ramsgate this year, says Guy Parsons

Parsons knows Kent coast can offer the most

LOCATIONS in Kent are part of expansion plans for Travelodge, which aims to sustain its claim to be the UK's fastest growing hotel chain.

It has 35 hotels (3,667 rooms), 700 new jobs and a £300 million spend slated for the UK this year to take its estate to 495 hotels.

These include re-development at Canterbury's Chaucer Central hotel and an all-new hotel on Ramsgate seafront.

The latter, on Royal Parade, will create 15 jobs and have 68 beds and a bar/café.

Guy Parsons, Travelodge chief executive, said the chain had hunted a hotel for the seafront for some time, adding: "I have no doubt that when the site opens it will quickly become one of our top performing hotels this summer.

Delighted

"Our nearby site in Margate has performed strongly for us throughout the recession so I am delighted we will be opening a new hotel in Ramsgate in 2011. The location is perfect for both business and leisure visitors.

"The hotels we will build this year have been a result of Travelodge's commitment to expand during the recession whilst many companies put their development on hold.

"As a result of the recession, we have successfully acquired superior sites due to lower market property prices, which otherwise would not have been available for hotel use."

Travelodge was Britain's first budget hotel brand when it launched in 1985, but it has also diversified away from its traditional roadside locations and focused more on city centre growth.

Tough trading has bookstore chain on brink

DISCOUNT bookstore British Bookshops and Stationers (BBS) – more familiarly known as Sussex Stationers – has gone into administration.

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The firm has branches in Ashford, Canterbury, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone and around 50 in all across the South East, but has been brought to the brink by poor sales during the severe pre-Christmas weather and cashflow problems in its dealing with publishers.

But recovery specialists at Zolfo Cooper have been appointed as administrators and hope to sell the chain as a going concern, potentially saving some 300 jobs.

Zolfo Cooper partner Simon Appell said: "The appointment is, unfortunately, the result of cashflow difficulties suffered by the business, coupled with the tough trading climate for retailers and especially booksellers at present.

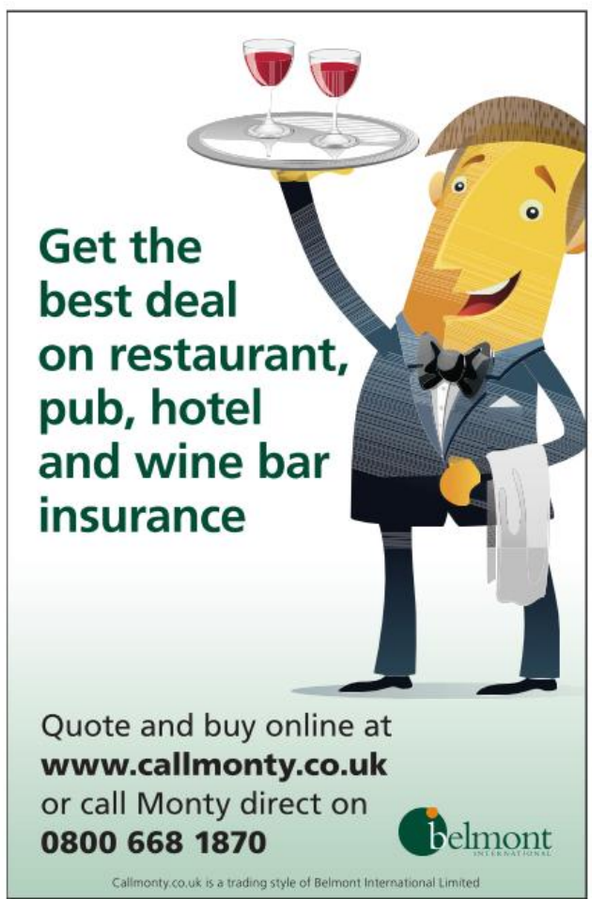
"This is an attractive company with a large network of stores across the south of England and we have already received expressions of interest from potential buyers."

The firm was founded in 1938 as Sussex Stationers in Brighton and steadily expanded reently with its formula of newspapers and magazines plus discounted books and stationery, despite the presence of high street giant WH Smith and mega-bookstores such as Waterstone's and the now defunct Borders, which crashed in 2009 citing tough competition from the internet – a factor which may also have affected BBS.



An early warning sign was owner Eason and Sons' decision to sell BBS to private equity firm Endless in May, 2009, after a reported 2008 pre-tax loss of £1.8 million.

A management buy-out followed and the chain was reported to be making a recovery after a jobs and cost-cutting drive, but it now risks becoming the first High Street crash of 2011.



German firm favours our sunny disposition



GERMAN solar energy specialist SunConcept Holding AG has expanded into the UK and set up a subsidiary at Kings Hill, near West Malling.

The Government's introduction of Feed-in Tariffs on April 1, 2010, for localised solar and wind power generation has made the UK attractive to solar energy companies anyway, but Catherine Stevens-Jung, MD of SunConcept's UK arm said: "Kent is ideally positioned for our business, allowing us to easily access other parts of the country and the continent. Kent is also a very sunny county, making it an excellent location for solar energy.

"We plan to expand our Kent operation over the next three years to replicate our German presence, and in time hope to be able to look for warehouse facilities here."

SunConcept's arrival in Kent was masterminded by inward investment agency Locate in Kent, where chief executive Paul Wookey said: "It's very exciting that Kent is attracting companies like SunConcept, with their knowledge-based, quality jobs and expertise in the renewable energy sector. The UK's solar energy market is expected to grow considerably over the next few years and Kent is in an excellent position to benefit."

Government incentives mean energy suppliers make payments to householders and communities which generate their own electricity from renewable or low-carbon sources. As a result, a recent PricewaterhouseCoopers report estimated that the country's solar PV (photovoltaic) energy capacity could grow 30 times to reach 1,000MW (megawatts).

SunConcept manufactures its own PV solar modules backed by a planning, installation and investment package and sells directly to customers and other installers, but wants to target owners of agricultural land and commercial roof space, county and district councils, as well as registered social landlords interested in leasing roof space or land in return for free installation of its solar systems.

Those customers then benefit from the free use of electricity generated onsite, but surplus can then be sold on by SunConcept.



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THE BIG INTERVIEW

At a time when many jobless graduates question whether the time and cost of a degree was worth it, entrepreneur Matt Sankey beats the drum for a more vocational approach. He has enhanced the reputation of his family's well-established Tunbridge Wells restaurant, and also developed a new fishmonger business that is making waves across the South East – not bad for a bloke who never really liked school and left at 16. JON COATES tracked him down during yet another hectic week



MATT SANKEY

A YOUNG entrepreneur driving forward a rapidly expanding family business believes failing the 11-plus was the "best thing" that ever happened to him.

After struggling to settle at four private primary schools, Matt Sankey was able to find his feet at a comprehensive.

And he says his time at Hayesbrook in Tonbridge taught him the people-skills needed to take the reins of his family's fish restaurant and bar in Tunbridge Wells, which celebrates its half century of trading next year.

Matt said: "You do not have to have an academic upbringing to succeed in the restaurant and pub industry.

"The most important thing in this industry is people skills. I am not very academic, but I learned how to deal with people from different backgrounds, different upbringings, different financial situations and racial backgrounds at Hayesbrook, which I would not have got at a private school or a grammar.

"Failing the 11 plus and going to Hayesbrook was the best thing that could have happened to me."

Since taking over as manager of the business in Mount Ephraim Road five years ago, he has increased its performance by 20 per cent every year.

And a Sankey's fishmongers, which opened last year, has also proved such a success that he and co-owner Graeme Anderson, 32, are set to open a warehouse to meet the demand from wholesale trade.

As well as supplying Sankey's bar and restaurant, they are now sourcing quality fish and seafood for 100 other restaurants and nursing homes from Eastbourne in Sussex across to Whitstable in Kent.

But Matt and Graeme are keen that the popularity of the wholesale side of their fishmongers business will not affect the retail side at their shop in Vale Road,

MATT SANKEY'S CV

- 1996 – left Hayesbrook School in Tonbridge with "a handful of GCSEs"
- 1996 – works in sales at Sunglasses Hut
- 1998 – joins Carphone Warehouse and works up to be a store manager
- 2003 – works for Jota motorsport team in looking after tyres on racing cars
- 2005 – becomes manager of Sankey's pub and restaurant
- 2010 – buys out father to become owner of Sankey's businesses



MATT'S EMPIRE: Sankey's bar and retaurant

gratitude to people-skills

Tunbridge Wells.

They will take on 15 new staff to work at the warehouse, adding to the seven already employed at the fishmongers and the 30 employed at Sankey's bar and restaurant. And the man at the helm of Sankey's, who is aged just 30, has ambitious plans for further ventures in the town which are being kept a closely-guarded secret for now.

He said: "Next year we are celebrating 50 years of Sankey's in Tunbridge Wells, which I am so proud of as this a huge achievement for a family business.

"The fishmongers will be expanded. Once we have the warehouse open we will be able to expand the wholesale side of this business and with regards to the pub and restaurant side, there are several blueprints for expansion.

"We are just waiting for the right opportunity to arise, as I am not going to do something for the sake of it. Any plans have to fit in with the brand and be a positive addition to the organisation, like the fishmongers has been."

His grandfather started the family business in 1961 by buying the George and Dragon pub in Speldhurst and creating a restaurant upstairs.

His son, Guy, worked at this restaurant, before working in London and then taking on The Gate in Hildenborough, near the train station.

He turned this into a seafood restaurant called Sankey's at The Gate, before taking over the lease of the Compasses in the same village and turning this into a booming bar and restaurant.

AFTER learning that Sankey's current location in Tunbridge Wells was on the market, Matt's father moved the business there in 1987 and has not looked back.

Matt left school aged 16 with, in his own words, "not many GCSEs" and "no ambition of working in a pub".

He took a sales job at the Sunglasses Hut in Royal Victoria Place, which he says he loved, and then moved on to the Carphone Warehouse in the shopping centre for five years, becoming its manager. After trying his hand as a recruitment consultant he worked for motorsport team Jota, making sure tyre pressures and temperatures were correct on their cars.

But a call from his father Guy five years ago, saying he was thinking of selling the family business to retire, prompted a change of direction, with Matt asking to be given time to learn how to run Sankey's as manager with a view to taking it on.

He bought the business from his father earlier this year, so is now in complete control of the Sankey's empire.

The business has been forced to adapt to changes in recent years, with professional people taking less time for lunches and wanting to spend less, as well as enjoying the informal setting of the bar for food.

And Matt's use of sustainably sourced fish and seafood has also proved popular with customers and the wholesale market.

The new owner, who regularly works 80 to 100 hours a week, says he has been able to drive the business forward because he is passionate about what he is doing and has great managers and staff.

He said: "My philosophy with the pub is that it is very easy to work at a pub and all of a sudden it becomes your lifestyle and one day you end up sitting at the bar, drinking with the locals.

"Some people can do that but I can't. For me it is a job and so when I am here it is work only. I have a drink when I go out socialising, but not here.

"Over the last few years I have brought in a hard work ethic as I wanted to build the business up, but it is a slow progression to make the changes needed over time."

Matt also decided to invest in one of the most important parts of his business, his staff, when the recession hit.

He said: "I realised that if I started making cutbacks I could lose customers for life.

"We are in the service industry, so I actually took on more staff to make sure everyone coming to Sankey's bar and restaurant left saying how great the service was.

"The staff are the last point of contact with customers so are very important in leaving them with a good impression that will keep them coming back."

MATT'S TOP TIPS

• "I believe the two most important parts of your business are you staff and customers. They are the two vital cogs that constantly need oiling"

• "Communication with customers, whether it be via social media, networking or old-fashioned conversation, is vital. Listen to them – they hold the keys"

• "Retail is detail, all the little details add up"

• "I also have the following rules that I stick to, they are not mine but work a treat:

1 Always treat the customer as you yourself would like to be treated

2 Winning an argument with a customer doesn't win anything but the loss of that customer

3 If we don't look after the customer someone else will

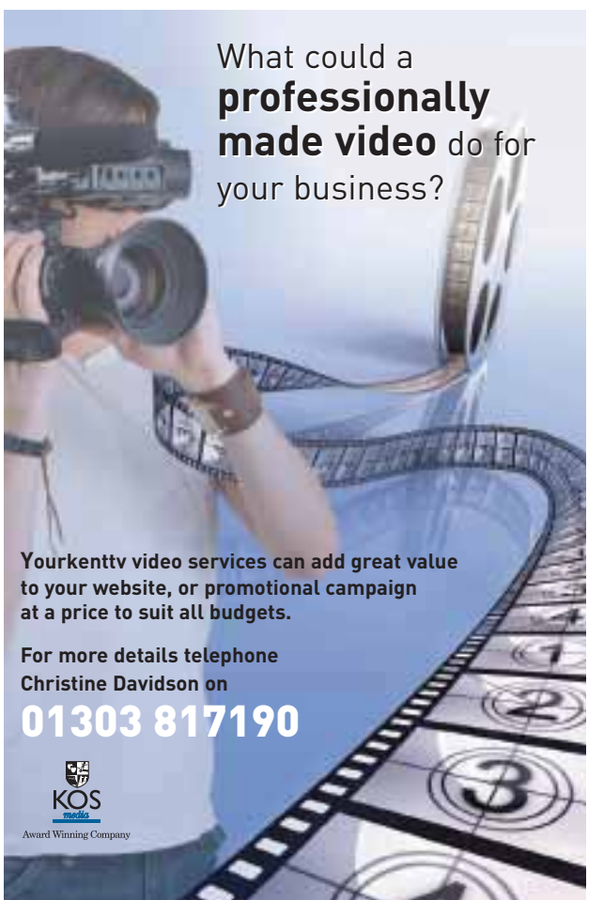
4 Always deliver what you promise. If in doubt, under-promise and over-deliver

5 The reputation is in the hands of every individual"



POWER PLAY: Matt Sankey is determined to drive the firm forward





Food and drink industry builds up to Kent awards

FINALISTS in the Taste of Kent Awards 2010 are just five weeks from hearing which of them will be the county's 12 food and drink heroes, ***writes Steve Loader***.

The competition is staged by Produced in Kent, which champions the best food and drink producers, retailers, restaurants, dining pubs and farmers' markets across the "Garden of England".

Last year's awards generated an 89 per cent increase in public votes, and current voting has again exceeded 10,000, this time nominating 542 businesses and products to contest the 12 food and drink 'Oscars'. Some categories have been amended to reflect changing trends and tastes.

Three finalists in each category are now subjected to an expert judging panel and mystery shoppers/diners, and the winners will be revealed at a glittering awards ceremony at Leeds Castle on February 25.

Notable 2010 highlights include Kent Seafood Retailer of the Year (sponsored by South East Seafood), which has seen a 50 per cent rise in votes. Independent fishmongers have faced some of the biggest challenges in retailing and South East Seafood was "delighted that voters are supporting local fishmongers".

Best Kentish Brewery of the Year (sponsored by Cask Marque) is another hotly-contested category, with a 28 per cent increase in votes reflecting new interest in brewing after the resurgence of micro breweries in the county. Previous winner Ramsgate Brewery joins the UK's oldest and Kent's largest brewery, Faversham's Shepherd Neame, in the final three, together with Whitstable Brewery, which actually brews near Maidstone.



Julie Monkman

The newly re-named Kent Dining Pub of the Year category highlights gastro-pubs serving excellent and hearty Kentish food. Votes here rose by 39 per cent resulting in a fierce battle.

New finalists in this category are The George and Dragon in Chipstead, which tackles previous winners The Haywain (2009), near Canterbury, and The Plough (2008), near Faversham. The county has shown itself to have a sweet tooth so, battling it out for Kent Food Product of The Year (sponsored by Opies), are three expert producers of sweet treats: Madame Oiseau Fine Chocolates being nominated for its Kent Honey Caramel; Blue Bell Hill Apiaries for its Kent Honey; and Kent Fine Foods for its Lavender Jelly.

Excellence

The east of Kent continues to be a centre of excellence in food and drink and Thanet nominees show particular strength in the various category finalists: fishmonger and gourmet fish and chip shop Eddie Gilberts is nominated for Seafood Retailer and for Restaurant of the Year; J C Rooks of Ramsgate is short-listed for Meat Retailer; Ramsgate Brewery is a Best Brewery finalist; Quex Barn is up for Best Local Food Retailer; and Em's Cupcakes of Ramsgate has designs on Artisan Food Producer, but faces local competition from a former winner, The Chai Stop, the Ramsgate Asian cuisine specialist.

Perhaps most impressive of all is Cliftonville Farmers' Market which has reached the top three in the Farmers' Market category for five years on the trot.

Julie Monkman, manager at Produced in Kent said: "The Taste of Kent Awards continues to go from strength to strength as consumers vote in their thousands to acknowledge some of the best producers and retailers of food and drink.

"All three finalists in each of the 12 categories have done incredibly well to get this far and they all help to maintain and raise the bar for Kent as a county of excellence for food and drink production."

The Taste of Kent Awards (www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk) is again sponsored overall by Whitehead Monckton Solicitors. Other sponsors include Archant KOS Media, publisher of Kent on Saturday and on Sunday and of Business Week.

THE FULL LIST OF FINALISTS

Meat Retailer:
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GODMERSHAM GAME, Canterbury
JC ROOK & SON, Ramsgate

Best Brewery:
RAMSGATE BREWERY
SHEPHERD NEAME, Faversham
WHITSTABLE BREWERY, Grafty Green

Best Vineyard:
BIDDENDEN VINEYARD
CHAPEL DOWN WINERY, Tenterden
MEOPHAM VALLEY VINEYARD

Best Cider Maker:
BIDDENDEN
BIG TREE CIDER, Hartley
ROUGH OLD WIFE, Canterbury

Juice Producer of the Year:
BIDDENDEN
CORE FRUIT PRODUCTS, Canterbury
OWLET FRUIT JUICE, Lamberhurst

Local Food Retailer:
HAVEN FARM SHOP, Sutton Valence
MACKNADE FINE FOODS, Faversham
QUEX BARN, Birchington

Seafood Retailer:
EDDIE GILBERT'S, Ramsgate
OCTOPUSY, Whitstable
SANKEY'S, Tunbridge Wells

Food Product of the Year:
KENT HONEY, BLUE BELL HILL APIARIES, Gillingham
KENT HONEY CARAMELS, MADAM OISEAU FINE CHOCOLATES, Canterbury
LAVENDER JELLY, KENT FINE FOODS, Gillingham

Artisan Food Producer:
THE CHAI STOP, Ramsgate
CORINNE'S CREATIVE KITCHEN, Faversham
EM'S CUPCAKES, Ramsgate

Restaurant:
EDDIE GILBERT'S, Ramsgate
MULBERRY TREE, Boughton Monchelsea
SECRET GARDEN, Ashford

Dining Pub:
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Superfast broadband: Is it arriving quickly enough?

Development of the internet's scope, options and services are fast outstripping the ability of the UK's outmoded and still fragmented broadband network. Yet this area of technology is vital to the economy of Kent and the UK generally as it seeks to rebuild after recession. Business Week editor STEVE LOADER uploads some thoughts on where we are now and where we could end up, and it's a mixed picture – a bit like the one some are getting through their current broadband link…



EVERY business and community has been promised access to superfast broadband by 2015 under latest Government plans.

And it was vital that the Coalition made the pledge this early in its term if it was to stand by its commitment to rebuild a broad-based UK economy.

But it is caught between a rock and hard place: Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt said it wanted the UK's broadband to be the envy of Europe once this new infrastructure is in place, but it will not be cheap and – as we all know – the country is strapped for cash.

The proposal is to borrow the model used successfully by South Korea, which has quickly put in one of the world's best networks – up to 100Mb/sec – by tapping into the ambition and investment of private firms there. But South Korea's economy is one of the healthiest in the world and that's not something we can say about Britain's, and where will the Koreans have got up to when and if we've upgraded from a national average yet to hit 2Mb/sec?

Nevertheless, Coalition ministers calculate that some two-thirds of the new comms network can be funded by private firms, while a dwindling public pot can be raided for the less commercially attractive rural areas – more than £800m is expected to be needed.

Reaction from businesses and the public has been less than ecstatic though, since the previous government had promised a universal 2Mb/sec broadband speed by 2012 – a lifeline to areas saddled with an outmoded dial-up service when so much new broadband-hungry tech is finding its way into homes and businesses.

I spoke with the boss of a hi-tech video firm in his studio last week who was almost punching the desk with frustration while a YouTube video uploaded with glacial speed to his high-spec Mac computer.

But the Government's argument – a not unreasonable one – is that rather than trying to play catch-up by delivering modest speeds already enjoyed by many already, we should aim to leap ahead and become the best in a fast-changing comms environment.

The industry regulator Ofcom recently revealed that fewer than one per cent of homes currently have superfast broadband connection – rated at 24Mb/sec at least.

But the Government has been vague about what it calls 'superfast' and cites other factors as important which, reading between the lines will probably be the fastest and most widespread service it can get for its money and what the private sector is prepared to chip in.

Users are understandably cynical



anyway, since very few get the broadband speeds advertised even now. Why would they expect superfast broadband to deliver what it says?

Several IT gurus have told me rather ruefully: "At least our disappointment would arrive a bit faster if we get all this investment."

There is also the apparently insoluble problem of speeds dropping the further your business or home is from the broadband community hub or exchange.

The suggestion is that many of the hubs in any new network will use speedy fibre-optics in their immediate areas, thereby extending the reach and speed of services to more outlying locations that remain connected using older connections.

Even this looks like fudging the issue, though, when some European neighbours like Holland are now going 'fully optical'.

However, the cost of that approach is probably prohibitive and unrealistic in a larger country like ours and with a far more dispersed population and industry than that of the Netherlands. The real concern is that we will continue to get the patchwork quilt we have now, with the private sector reluctant to invest any more than it has to, while focusing more on just economic survival.

Meanwhile, areas which have been identified as 'needy' such as the wilds of Wales and Scotland, will attract public and EU funding and leapfrog ahead.

One further possibility is a local initiative like that in Cornwall.

Most businesses in the Duchy – long regarded as a depressed area overly reliant on a fickle tourist industry – will have access to 100Mb/sec fibre optic broadband by 2014 after announcing a groundbreaking £132m partnership between BT and Cornwall County Council and backed by some EU cash.

It is estimated the project will create or protect some 6,000 jobs. BT is now championing this partnership approach as a widespread solution.

Food for thought here in Kent?

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Help us build an extension to Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm

Vattenfall, a leading European energy company, would like to extend its Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm (also known by local people as Whitstable or Herne Bay Wind Farm) with up to 17 wind turbines. This Statement of Community Consultation explains how you can comment on its proposed application for a development consent order to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.

Kentish Flats Extension – the proposal

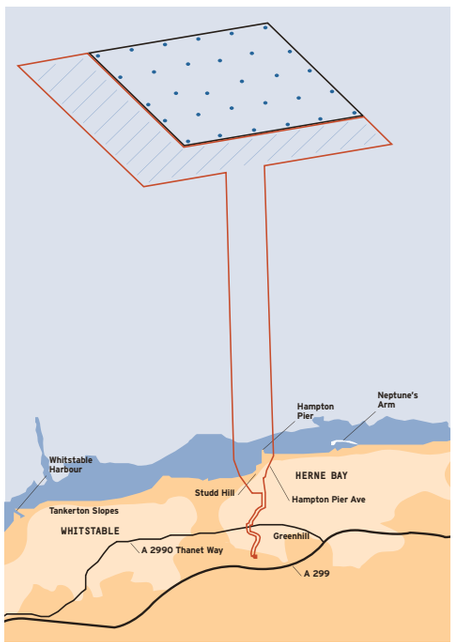
The existing Kentish Flats wind farm with 30 wind turbines has been producing green electricity since 2005. The proposed extension is around 8km off Herne Bay and will be to the south and west of the current project. It could add up to 17 wind turbines in 7.7 km2 of sea, in water depths between three and five metres at lowest tide.

The wind turbines for the extension will have a similar capacity to those currently used, with a tip height up to 145 metres. The turbines will be placed on top of large steel tube foundations which will be driven up to 35 metres into the seabed, similar to the current scheme.

Underwater cables will connect turbines to the existing offshore substation from which one or two underwater cables will run to shore at Hampton Pier, Herne Bay. Onshore, the new cables will follow the route of the existing cabling along the Hampton Pier Road under paved roads to the Red House Farm substation south of Herne Bay. KFE will not require any changes to the power grid.

Due to its scale, Vattenfall must do an assessment, known as EIA, of possible significant environmental effects of the extension.
We are also seeking views from all interests, including the public, on the proposal. We will consult on the whole project and have identified the following as likely to be important:

- Potential cumulative impacts on Red-throated divers in the Thames Estuary
- Visual, landscape and seascape effects
- Impact on fishing, leisure and business interests, including tourism
- Impact of onshore construction on nearby households
- Impact on traffic on roads caused by onshore works



There will be an opportunity to consider these and other points, during the consultation process. We will make available the preliminary findings of our EIA. This initial environmental information will also describe any alternatives we are considering and measures to minimise impacts.

Why Vattenfall wants to extend Kentish Flats

Kentish Flats Extension (KFE) could generate up to 150,000 megawatt hours per year of clean electricity, if 17 turbines are deployed. This is equivalent to the total annual electricity needs of up to 35,000 UK homes.

The UK's delivery of its offshore wind potential could supply the equivalent of 30% of the country's electricity demand. Offshore wind in the UK will help European green energy targets and the reduction of emissions that cause climate change.

Vattenfall is committed to major reductions in carbon emissions from its activities as an energy company. Wind power will it meet that commitment.

About Vattenfall

Vattenfall is a leading European energy company and is Europe's fifth largest generator of electricity and the continent's largest producer of heat. Across the north of Europe we operate many wind farms on land and in the sea. This includes Kentish Flats and Thanet Offshore Wind Farm, which is the world's largest offshore wind farm.

Statement of Community Consultation and the Infrastructure Planning Commission

In 2008 new planning laws changed the way projects like KFE are dealt with. Under this new regime the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) controls the planning process for nationally significant infrastructure projects. Vattenfall will submit its proposal to the IPC following a consultation with both the community and organisations including the local authorities, Marine Management Organisation and Natural England.

We will carefully consider all responses received and when the application is made we will report to the IPC and all responders detailing how we have taken the communities' views into account.
The IPC will ask Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council for their opinion of the Vattenfall community consultation. The Councils' opinion will play an important part in whether the IPC accepts the application.

Other planning matters

When the IPC decides on KFE it will take into account any energy related National Policy Statements (NPSs) published by the UK Government. These are currently in draft but will be finalised before a decision is made. These include: Energy (EN-1); Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3); and, Electricity Network Infrastructure (EN-5).

Vattenfall is unaware of any other applications to the IPC or local authorities or consultations which are relevant to this proposal.

You can view a document which describes our approach to the consultation on the Vattenfall website.

If you need help to understand this proposal and the IPC process you can contact Planning Aid by calling 0870 850 9806 or visiting **www.rtpi.org.uk/planningaid/planning_aid_in_your_area/south_east/**

PUBLIC INFORMATION & CONSULTATION DAYS

Date & Time	Location
23 Feb 2011 2–8pm	**Kings Hall** Beacon Hill, Herne Bay, CT6 5BA
24 Feb 2011 2–8pm	**Whitstable Castle** Tower Hill, Whitstable, CT5 2BW

How you can find out more and tell Vattenfall what you think

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Or use the feedback form and questionnaire available at the Public Information Days and public places where project documents are lodged.

This community consultation starts on 31 January, 2011 and you must reply in writing by 4 March, 2011 using the methods described above.
Please note that responses may be made public.

Help us build the best possible wind farm – get in touch

Vattenfall has already started its consultation but the formal community consultation runs from 31 January 2011 to 4 March 2011. Kentish Flats is already an important feature in the area and we value our good relations with local people.

Please look at our proposals, the preliminary environmental information, maps and other documents. All of these will be available on our website for the duration of the application and, during the consultation period at the locations noted below.

Your views will be taken into account as we complete the assessments of the KFE, finalise the design of the wind farm, and before we submit an application to the IPC.

We will also do the following to help the Thames Estuary coastal community, especially around Herne Bay and Whitstable, and other interests, express their views on our plans:

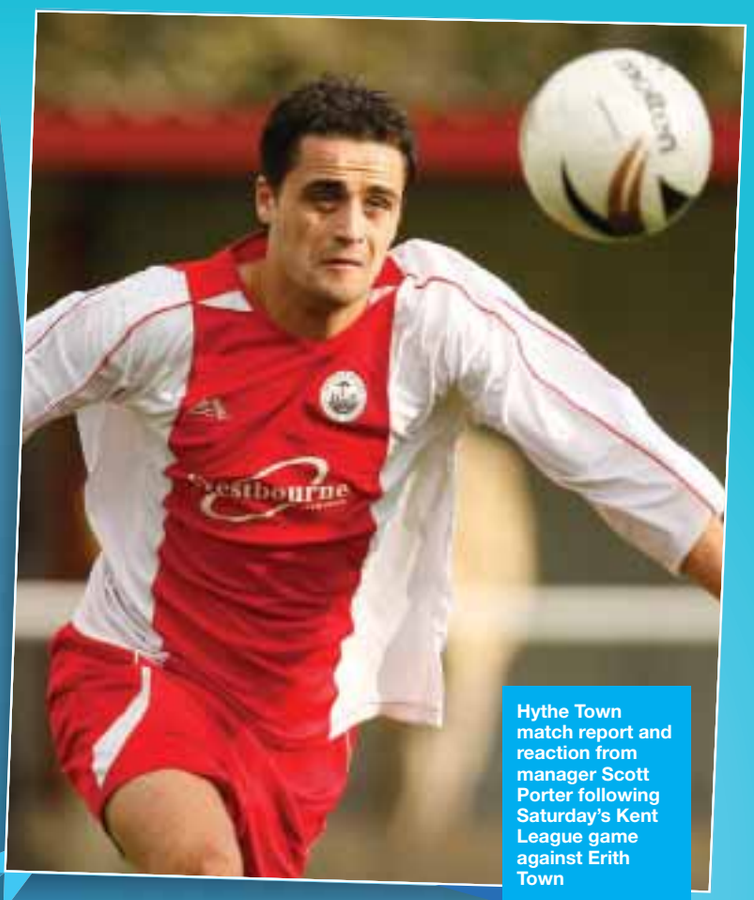
- Contact by letter homes and businesses likely to be affected by our plans
- Hold public information and consultation days in Herne Bay and Whitstable with specialist staff on hand
- Advertise our plans in local papers
- Advertise the Statement of Community Consultation in local papers in the Thames Estuary region
- Hold separate workshops and meetings with fishermen, other users of the sea and the region's businesses
- Continue meetings with the Area Member Panels and Parish Councils of Whitstable and Herne Bay
- Maintain contact with all those who have shown an interest in the project
- Continue working with local media to publicise Vattenfall's plans
- Place all relevant documents on the Vattenfall website, including a questionnaire
- Work with Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council to inform local interests of our proposals explaining how they can get involved
- Work with both Councils to identify and engage with hard-to-reach groups
- Place the PEI, maps, other relevant documents and envelopes and questionnaires in the Harbour Office, Whitstable Harbour, the Canterbury City Council office in Herne Bay, Medway Council (Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham), Swale Borough Council (Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne), Thanet District Council (Cecil Street, Margate), Maldon District Council (Princes Road, Maldon), Rochford District Council, (3-19 South Street, Rochford) Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (12th Fl, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea), Castle Point Borough Council (Kiln Road, Benfleet)

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